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Kreisky supports Fahd plan

BEIRUT, Dec. 5 (AP) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said in a newspaper interview published here Saturday he supports Saudi Arabia's Middle East peace plan because "it is more realistic" than the U.S.-sponsored Camp David process.

"We are very positive toward this initiative," said Kreisky in an interview published by the Beirut newspaper *Al-Bayrak* in response to a question about the eight-point blueprint announced by Crown Prince Fahd last August. "I believe the Camp David formula has been incapable from the start to deal with the basic issues, including the Palestinian problem," Kreisky went on. "The Fahd plan naturally is more realistic because it addresses itself in a practical manner to the basic issue."

The Fahd plan calls for an Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab lands and the establishment of a Palestinian state in the occupied West Bank and Gaza. The plan also involves the right of all states in the region to live in peace.

The chancellor expressed his confidence that the Israeli government will honor its treaty obligation and pull out Israeli occupation forces from Egypt's Sinai on schedule next April.

Kreisky arrived in Kuwait Saturday starting a three-nation tour of the region for talks on the Middle East, the Gulf situation and the North-South dialogue.

Kreisky also plans to sound out prospects for promoting economic cooperation between his country and the Arab states, including increased oil sales and investment of surplus petrodollars in Austria.

Kuwait's Crown Prince Sheikh Saad al-Sabah welcomed the chancellor and an accompanying 19-member government delegation at the airport. After the Kuwaiti and Austrian anthems, Kreisky's motorcade drove to the Salam Palace where the Austrian guests will stay during their two-day visit to Kuwait.

This is Kreisky's second visit to Kuwait in five years. He came here in 1976 as the head of the Socialist International fact-finding mission.

In an interview with the semi-official Kuwait news agency (KUNA) Kreisky warned against escalating tension in the Middle East.

Kreisky renewed his support of the Palestine Liberation Organization, calling on U.S. President Reagan's administration to recognize the PLO. "The major shortcoming of the U.S.-sponsored Camp David accord is its great failure to provide a solution to the whole problem in the Middle East, including that of the Palestinian people," KUNA quoted Kreisky as saying. He added that the PLO should take part in any negotiations aimed at the settlement of the Middle East crisis.

Kreisky said his talks with the Arab leaders were threefold: "To listen to what these leaders say about conditions in the region, to discuss economic relations and to exchange views on North-South as well as East-West problems."



HIGH HOPES: A Galapagos Island booby has been known to pick up many times its own weight, however the one shown here is only swooping in for a moving perch on one of the island's giant tortoises. This photo won the second prize in National Wildlife Magazine's annual photography contest for Fritz Poelking of Muenster, West Germany in the bird photography category.

CIA to debrief Americans abroad

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (Agencies) — New rules approved Friday by U.S. President Ronald Reagan will make it easier for the Central Intelligence Agency to get information from American citizens and businesses in other countries as well as in the United States.

The rules refer only to actions by American authorities—they do not refer to any actions by other governments and what may be legal or illegal according to their laws. Under former President Jimmy Carter, the rules required that the CIA has a reasonable belief that the American person or company it was investigating abroad was an agent of another government before it could use a series of intelligence techniques.

These include "pretext interviews" — sending an operative to talk to the suspected American on some pretext different from the real purpose of collecting intelligence. Another such technique is to assign informants, and still another to keep a physical watch on the American target in another country.

The new rules no longer require any suspicion on the part of the CIA that the subject of the investigation is a foreign agent, only the belief that he or she — or it, in the case of a business — has significant intelligence that the CIA can obtain in no other way. It is conceivable — though nothing in Reagan's order says so — that an American reporter abroad could be considered to have that kind of information obtained in the course of news work.

In American counter-intelligence investigations abroad, these techniques can now be used in any operation authorized by U.S. authorities. The order does not refer to the authorities of other countries here either. Previously, it was required in counter-intelligence cases that the U.S. authorities have a reasonable belief that they were spying on an agent of a foreign government.

For the CIA to use "intrusive techniques" in another country — electric surveillance or break-ins — it will still be required to have a reasonable belief that the American person or company is a foreign agent.

In an executive order on the entire United States intelligence community, the president left the Federal Bureau of Investigation

(FBI) with primary responsibility for counter-espionage and anti-terrorist work in the United States. He said the CIA could not infiltrate domestic groups solely to determine their political beliefs but could join the FBI in collecting intelligence about foreign agents operating here.

Administration said the CIA would be permitted under Reagan's directive to investigate groups in the United States for suspected foreign espionage ties but would have to halt such probes unless it had proof of a crime.

Reagan said the agency could gather and disseminate intelligence and carry out counter-intelligence outside the United States. It could also "conduct special activities approved by the president," a reference to covert operations.

The CIA, created in 1947 as successor to the wartime Office of Strategic Services with a mandate to conduct operations abroad, engaged in illegal domestic activities in the 1970s which were the subject of a congressional inquiry. Criticism of the CIA at that time also focused on plots to assassinate foreign leaders, and Reagan's order Saturday continued to bar such activities.

It also prohibited the agency from conducting electronic surveillance in the United States, opening domestic mail or conducting physical searches without consent. Testimony before Congress had disclosed that the CIA plotted to kill Cuban President Fidel Castro, spied on Americans, and used journalists, clergymen and students in a network of informants.

The agency was used during the Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon administrations to gather information on anti-Vietnam war groups in the United States.

Reagan, who created an intelligence oversight board last month to monitor potential abuses, said in a statement: "Contrary to a distorted image that emerged during the last decade, there is no inherent conflict between the intelligence community and the rights of our citizens... That is not to say mistakes were never made and that vigilance against abuse is necessary. But an approach that emphasizes suspicion and mistrust of our intelligence efforts can undermine this nation's ability to confront the increasing challenge of espionage and terrorism."

Firing by Karachi student groups persists

KARACHI, Dec. 5 (AFP) — Sporadic firing continued at Karachi University for the third day Saturday in the wake of right-left clashes over the students union elections Thursday.

Armed students continued to hold the positions they had taken during the past three days at various vantage points in the university campus. An AFP correspondent who visited the campus Saturday found extreme tension and hostility prevailing between the two groups and heard occasional bursts of stinging fire from the student hostels and other places. There were bullet marks on the buildings and windowpanes of some were smashed.

Police waited outside the campus without making any attempt to disarm the rival factions. About 12 students were injured in the armed clash Thursday.

The university was closed Saturday as the vice-chancellor Dr. Masoom Tirmizi, had declared a holiday Friday night after declaring

that the rightist students group, Islami Jamiat-e-Tulaba, had won the students union elections and the rival leftist United Students Movement stood disqualified for the elections due to alleged violation of the code of conduct.

The university teachers kept inside their campus quarters and generally refused to talk to reporters. Most of the teachers have already moved their families from their university homes to elsewhere in the city. The students hostels also had a deserted look except for the armed students of the two groups holding positions on the roofs or at other vantage points.

Dr. Tirmizi refused to answer any questions from this correspondent, but he expressed the hope that the situation would improve in the next few days. He generally appeared to be critical of the leftists whom he blamed for starting the violence during the counting of votes Thursday afternoon.

Meanwhile, the leader of the leftist students, Haseeb Baluch Saturday accused the vice-chancellor of extreme partiality toward the rightist faction. Addressing a press conference at Karachi Press Club, Baluch, who is chairman of the United Students Movement (USM), said that the movement's candidates were clearly winning when the rightist students created disturbances at the counting of votes.

Baluch alleged that the university administration and the vice-chancellor openly sided with the rightist students, who are sympathetic to the regime of President Gen. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq.

Another leftist student leader, Barakatullah, who contested the post of secretary-general of the Karachi University Students Union, told the press conference that the university officials who conducted the elections had helped the rightists to rig the polls. He demanded that fresh elections should be ordered by the vice-chancellor.

Supertankers fall easy prey to pirates

SINGAPORE, Dec. 5 (LAT) — You are the captain of a 100,000-ton supertanker passing through a narrow channel within sight of Singapore's looming skyscrapers. It is 4 a.m. Suddenly, out of the darkness, a half-naked man appears and puts a knife to your throat. What do you do?

"Unless you want to be a dead hero," says Capt. Hartwig Maly, "you do as you're told."

Piracy goes back at least 1,500 years in the island-sprinkled seas of southeast Asia. Among some people piracy was and still is considered just another trade.

During the past three years, Thai fishermen-turned-pirates, for instance, have earned a reputation for ruthlessness preying on Vietnamese refugees, ramming their boats, robbing the men, raping the women.

But the most striking — and potentially the most dangerous — new development in the field has been the series of recent attacks on the supertankers, 22 raids in the past eight months.

Some of the attacks have occurred in Singapore Harbor while the ships were at anchor. But the most daring raids have come while the ships were at sea.

Swift native prahus, broad-beamed vessels powered by twin outboards, come alongside the tankers in the dark of night. Grappling hooks are flung over the stern of the ship and the pirates, who have to be in superb physical condition, scramble up the ropes to the deck. They head for the captain's cabin or the bridge, or both.

Although more than 300 tons of garbage was removed under emergency orders by the health department, the sanitation department said it could handle only about 10 percent of almost 2,000 requests for emergency trash removal. "Chinatown is wall-to-wall restaurants," said Bert Alexander, a sanitation department spokesman. "The whole place is a mess."

Piles of garbage forced pedestrians to walk single-file on the streets of Chinatown and

seriously. The crews are not armed, and not in much of a position to resist. But some pirates have been driven off with high-powered fire hoses, and others have been discovered early and kicked or pushed over the side before they could bring their knives into play.

What gives oil executives nightmares is the possibility that one of their tankers will run aground or collide with another vessel during a fracas with the pirates.

"These are narrow and busy waters," said Maly, a West German skipper. "There isn't much room for a big ship to maneuver. A collision or a grounding could lead to a major pollution disaster."

About 15,000 ships a year pass through Singapore, which is not only the second-busiest port in the world but also the world's third-largest refining center — all of which compounds the safety problem.

Nearly all the pirate raids on moving ships have taken place in Phillip Channel, a slender neck of water 13 miles south of Singapore, less than a mile across at its narrowest point and only five miles long.

"Once in the channel it's enough for a man to navigate those waters without being on the lookout for pirates," Maly said. "He can't do both."

Garbage strike fattens N.Y. rats

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (AFP) — The rats were having a field day and hotels were resorting to rooftop stashes their trash Friday as garbage piled up because of a strike by private collectors. And the end was not in sight.

The collectors take much of the trash from the city's stores, restaurants, hotels and other commercial concerns. Officials said that some 21,000 tons sat uncollected as the strike by 2,000 garbage men against about 400 firms move into the fifth day. Negotiators for the private garbage collection agencies and the teamsters union, which represents the workers, agreed to mediator James McCabe's request for a meeting Saturday, the first session since the strike began.

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SR500m for rebuilding Asnam

Kingdom donates aid to Algeria

ALGIERS, Dec. 5 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia will finance an SR500 million (600 million Algerian Dinars) housing project in the town of Asnam, which was devastated by earthquake last year.

government when the tremor hit Asnam last year as a relief aid to victims. Algerian Housing Minister Ahmad Al-Ghazali thanked the Kingdom for its generous contribution and said the assistance demonstrates the strength of relations between Arab countries.

organizational structure of the Arab housing and urban development sector. The conference also decided to provide combined Arab aid for the rebuilding of Asnam.

For airports update SR400m granted to Sanaa

SANAA, Dec. 5 (SPA) — The Kingdom has contributed more than SR400 million for the modernization of airports in Yemen, officials of Yemen's General Organization for Civil Aviation and Meteorology, have said.

organization's projects in the previous plan crossed the figure of SR750 million, he added.

Italian firms open display of products

Banking seminar simulates problems with computers

JEDDAH, Dec. 5 — An Italian gifts articles exhibition opened at Sheraton Hotel here Saturday. More than 25 companies are participating in the fair which will run until Wednesday.

JEDDAH, Dec. 5 — The Chase Manhattan Bank has concluded the first of a program of training seminars for operations managers of Arab bank correspondents using a novel computer simulator, it was reported Saturday.

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By agriculture minister

SR49m projects approved

RIYADH, Dec. 5 (SPA) — Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rabman Al-Sheikh Saturday approved the setting up of five agricultural and animal husbandry projects at a cost of over SR49 million.

Of these, two sheep-breeding projects worth SR15.7 million and SR3.8 million will be established in Qassim to produce 6,000 and 1,363 heads of cattle every year. A third project will be set up in Quweiyah at a cost of SR3.9 million to produce 1,000 head of camel annually, and a similar project in Dawadmi at a cost of SR9.3 million with an annual productive capacity of 500 head of camel. A SR16.5-million dairy project is to be set up in Ahsa to produce nearly 4,000 kls. of milk from 350 cows.

In a separate development, Dr. Al-Sheikh Saturday chaired a meeting of the board of directors of the General Organization for Saline Water Conversion.

The meeting heard a report from Abdullah Al-Ghaleqah, organization's governor, on the work progress of various projects of the organization. The board approved some of the projects including the establishment of new plants and expansion of some existing ones. It also discussed the organization's draft budget for the next fiscal year and approved the sending of some officials of the organization to the United States for higher studies in electronics and desalination engineering.

Arabian Peninsula seminar held

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (SPA) — Abdulah Saleh Al-Uthaimen, a representative of Riyadh University, addressed Saturday a seminar about the Arabian Peninsula's role as an important and strategic point in international politics.

Uthaimen's research which deals with the Arabian Peninsula as the starting point for Imam Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahhab's call, was part of the seminar's second day program. The Far East Studies Center of Arizona University organized the seminar in cooperation with Exxon.

Friday's main statement was delivered by Saud Nasser Al-Sabah, Kuwaiti ambassador in Washington. Among other leading personalities who addressed the symposium was Joseph Mallon, a professor of Middle East affairs at the Far East Studies Center, who commended the stability and immense progress in the Kingdom.

Malcolm Reed of the U.S. State Department's information and research office also spoke of the Saudi-American relations. He said that the approval of the Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft by the Congress was a turning point in the Saudi-U.S. relations. There is still more ahead for the American people and administrations to reach a true understanding and knowledge of the Kingdom's situation, he said.

Argentinians meet chamber officials

DAMMAM, Dec. 5 (SPA) — Sheikh Saad Al-Muajal, chairman of the Eastern Province chamber of commerce and industry, met with the visiting Argentine trade delegation led by the Undersecretary of the Argentine Ministry of Trade Dr. Alfredo Esposito, here Saturday.



OPENING: Makkah Governor Prince Majed and Philippine Ambassador Benjamin Romualdez are seen, along with other dignitaries, visiting various stalls at the exhibition.

BRIEFS

RIYADH, (SPA) — King Khalid sent a cable of congratulations to King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand on the occasion of his birthday. King Khalid wished the Thai monarch good health and happiness and progress and success to his people.

MANAMA, (SPA) — Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher, governor of Petromin, arrived here Saturday on a two-day visit. He will hold talks with Bahraini Industry and Development Minister Yusuf Al-Shirawi on joint projects between the Kingdom and Bahrain including the heavy oil refinery project and the dry dock project. Taher will depart for Abu Dhabi Monday to attend meetings of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OEAPEC).

JEDDAH — Mahmoud Tayba, chairman of the Saudi consolidated electricity company for the Western Region, has reviewed with the company's technicians a plan to meet power demand for next summer. The plan will basically depend on electric production from the Jeddah desalination plant. Dr. Talal Abdul Karim Bakr, the company's director general, had held a meeting with officials at the desalination plant earlier this week and learnt that the plant would supply Jeddah with 350 megawatt during the summer.

DHAHRAN, (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Fertilizers Company (SAFCO) organized a symposium on sulphuric acid, its usage and marketing. The symposium was opened by Mahmoud Tayba, the company's chairman and governor of the General Electricity company, at Daharan International Hotel Saturday. It is attended by directors of desalination plants in the Kingdom and other Gulf states.

In another development, a delegation of the Arab-Belgian Chamber of Commerce Saturday visited the Jeddah Islamic Port, where they were welcomed by Foad Mukhtar, director general of the port.

The delegation saw all the facilities available at the port and was briefed on the services provided there. The Belgian officials expressed their appreciation of the standard the port has achieved and the services it renders to the shipping companies.

The delegation also visited the industrial zone and inspected several industries. The visit takes place in response to an invitation from Jeddah Chamber of Commerce, to boost cooperation in the commercial fields.

Majed opens Philippine fair

By Suresh Shah

JEDDAH, Dec. 5 — Makkah Governor Prince Majed opened the Philippine trade and industrial exhibition at the Philippine Center in the Hamra area here Saturday.

Benjamin Romualdez, Philippine ambassador to Saudi Arabia and a number of officials including Antonio Basilio commercial counsellor, welcomed the governor.

More than 50 companies have participated in the exhibition, which is open for visitors until Dec. 10. It is particularly significant because for the first time a wide variety of Philippine products are on display for public in Saudi Arabia.

The exhibits include food products, con-

struction materials, electrical appliance and components, furniture, handicrafts, household goods and accessories and garments for men, women and children.

On this occasion Romualdez told Arab News that he was happy the exhibition would provide an opportunity for businessmen in Saudi Arabia to see various products, Philippine can offer in one place and also to negotiate business. The interest shown in many items was encouraging so far, he added.

Basilio stated that in view of the encouraging growth in Philippine exports to the Kingdom in recent years, the embassy has launched an intensified trade promotion campaign, which commenced with the holding of this trade and industrial fair.

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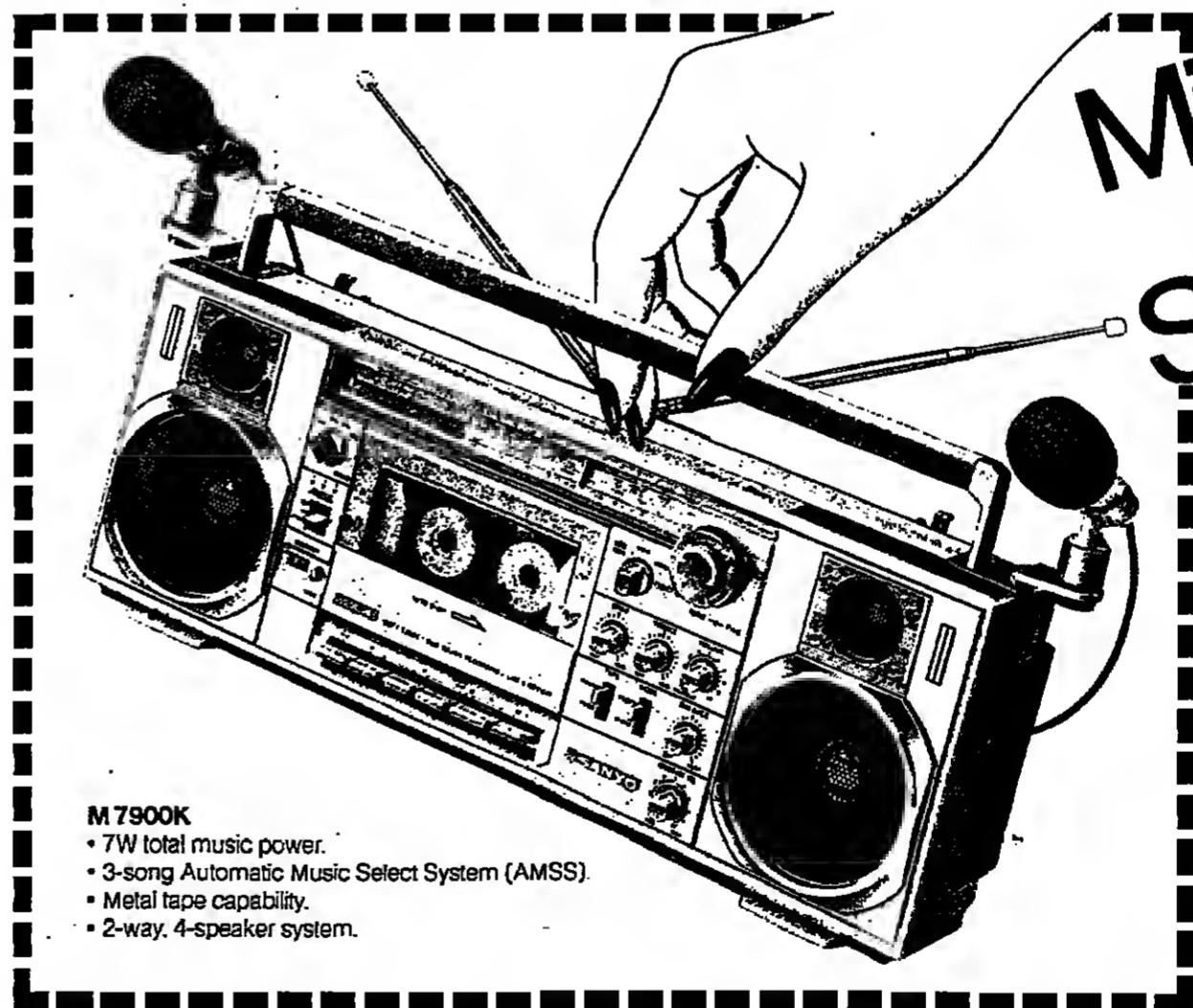
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EEC attacks Israel's Dead Sea canal plan

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 5 (Agencies) — The European Economic Community (EEC) said Friday Israel's plans to build a canal linking the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea would be contrary to international law.

Charles Humfrey of Britain was speaking on behalf of the community in a debate in the General Assembly's special political committee on the Israeli hydroelectric project. Twenty Arab states have tabled a resolution demanding that Israel cease construction activities and asking the Security Council to consider measures to halt the project.

The draft would call on all states not to provide any assistance in the preparation and execution of the plan. Humfrey said Jordan, which also borders the Dead Sea, would be affected and objected to the proposal.

Talaat Hamdi, Saudi Arabia's representative, strongly deplored the Israeli project and described it as another example of Zionist aggression against Palestine and the Palestinian people. He urged the world body to initiate measures to halt the Israeli project of building the canal and said the Western nations must bear the responsibility for this new act of aggression on the part of Israel. He

observed the Israeli decision amounted to demographic, economic and ecological aggression against the Palestinian people and their territory.

Talaat Hamdi said, "When Israel occupied Arab territory in 1973, it originally said it was only doing so to help rebuild the areas that had been destroyed by war. Yet, Israel continued with a series of diabolical measures in order to annex the occupied territories. Israel was continuing with its settlements and annexation policies. It had no intention of relinquishing control of the occupied territories. It acted, as if it had never heard of the Security Council and General Assembly resolutions asking it to withdraw from the occupied territories."

Meanwhile, earlier Friday, Saudi Arabia's ambassador, Sheikh Gaffar M. Allagany in a debate in the General Assembly on the question of Palestine said that the Palestinians had the right to exercise their inalienable rights since 1948, but Zionism had prevented them from doing so. After 30 years, the Palestinians had still no identity on their state because of the expansionist policies of Israel with the help of some friendly countries, he said.

Mubarak to visit Israel in February

CAIRO, Dec. 5 (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said Friday he would visit Israel for the first time in February after a trip to the United States. He disclosed his plans to go on his first foreign trip since taking office in an interview with Anis Mansour, editor of the weekly *October* magazine. He gave no exact dates.

Mubarak said he was saddened by the failure of last month's Arab summit in Morocco. "Israel has achieved more than it really wanted because the Arabs were again divided," he said.

Mubarak said he was willing to go to any Arab country provided there were good preparations and "full understanding" before the visit. Recent Egyptian-U.S. military exercises were not in preparation for an attack against any country but to train the Egyptian armed forces, he said.

Chadian minister arrives in Cairo

CAIRO, Dec. 5 (AFP) — Chadian Justice Minister Kassire Delwa Koumakoye arrived here Saturday with a message from President Goukouni Oueddei for President Hosni Mubarak.

The daily *Al-Ahram* reported that Mubarak had agreed to meet the Chadian delegation in the hope of reconciling differences between Egypt, Sudan and Chad.

(The government in Ndjamena has accused Sudan, with Egyptian backing, of supporting Chadian rebels led by former Defense Minister Hisseni Habre, who operate along Chad's eastern border with Sudan).

Koumakoye, who flew in from Khartoum where he delivered a similar message to the Sudanese government, also met Egyptian Foreign Minister Butros Ghali. The two men discussed developments in Chad following last month's withdrawal of a Libyan expeditionary force.

Strategic pact means war on Arabs -- Syria

DAMASCUS, Dec. 5 (R) — Syria issued a scathing attack Saturday on the diplomacy of U.S. Middle East envoy Philip Habib and said a new strategic cooperation agreement between Washington and Tel Aviv amounted to a declaration of war against the Arabs.

In an editorial, the government newspaper *Tishrin* called on the U.S. administration to nullify the new accord with Israel in order to prove its genuine interest in Middle East peace. Habib is on his fourth tour of the area in an effort to defuse regional tensions over Lebanon. In the editorial, read in full on state-run Damascus radio, the paper directly linked Habib's mission with a car bomb attack in the center of Damascus last Sunday in which more than 100 persons died. The bombing was designed to distract Syria's

attention at a time when the U.S. was signing the new strategic cooperation agreement, the paper said.

"If America is really interested in peace, or in the search for peace, it must first of all return to political ethics and nullify this (strategic) agreement, which is a declaration of war on us," the daily said.

It accused the United States of relying on "booby-trapped car diplomacy" carried out by what it called local reactionaries. "But Syria is alert and aware of America's hypocrisy," the daily stated.

Meanwhile, Habib met with the American ambassador in Cairo, an embassy spokesman said. It was Habib's first known visit to Egypt during his four rounds of shuttle diplomacy in the area. He had earlier arrived from Israel.

Gaza in the throes of general strike

TEL AVIV, Dec. 5 (AFP) — The Palestinian city of Gaza in the Israeli occupied Gaza Strip is in the throes of a general strike against what the mayor terms exorbitant taxes and oppressive occupation tactics by the Israeli government.

Gaza Mayor Rashad Shawa said Friday that schools, businesses, pharmacists, engineers and virtually all government offices

and services were on strike since Wednesday in support of a striking physicians union. The physicians, said Shawa, struck nine days ago over the imposition of "exorbitant" taxes on 15 private clinics and the jailing of three physicians, one of whom is still in custody.

He held that the taxes were intended to impoverish Gaza Palestinians and thereby force them into exile.

Turkey detains over 200 for rebel activity

ANKARA, Dec. 5 (R) — Turkish security forces have detained more than 200 leftwing militants in recent weeks suspected of trying to reorganize opposition groups broken up after a coup last year, military spokesman said Saturday.

They said 90 persons were detained in the southern city of Konya, a traditional religious center. They were accused of murders committed after the takeover in September last year. In Izmir, Turkey's third largest city on the Aegean coast, over 200 militants of the Dev Sol (revolutionary left) group were arrested and quantities of weapons found. Dev Sol and Dev Yol (revolutionary way) were the two biggest leftwing groupings whose activities, along with those of extreme rightists, prompted the coup which brought Turkey's military government to power. Hundreds of militants from left and right face mass trials.

America agrees to speed up arms for Turkey

ANKARA, Dec. 5 (R) — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Turkish military planners have agreed to speed up delivery of American weapons to Turkey's ill-equipped armed forces, a senior U.S. defense official said.

The official, who asked not be identified, said Friday night they decided to set up a high-level working group to hasten the arms flow after Turkish Defense Minister Haluk Bayulken and his aides detailed for Weinberger the Soviet threat to Turkey's eastern border.

Weinberger arrived Thursday to discuss how the United States could help modernize the Turkish armed forces. American aid to Ankara resumed last year after Turkey's invasion of northern Cyprus in 1974 had prompted a U.S. arms embargo.

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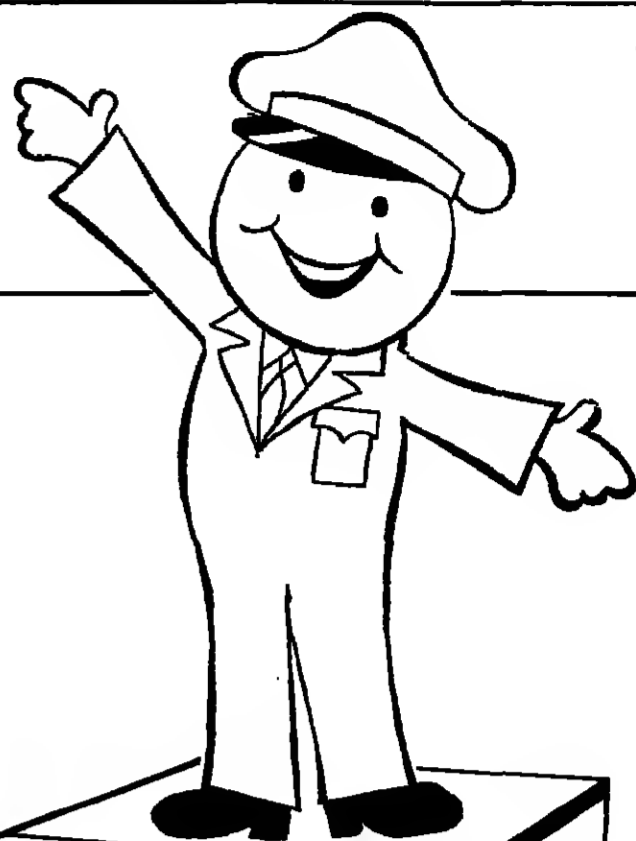
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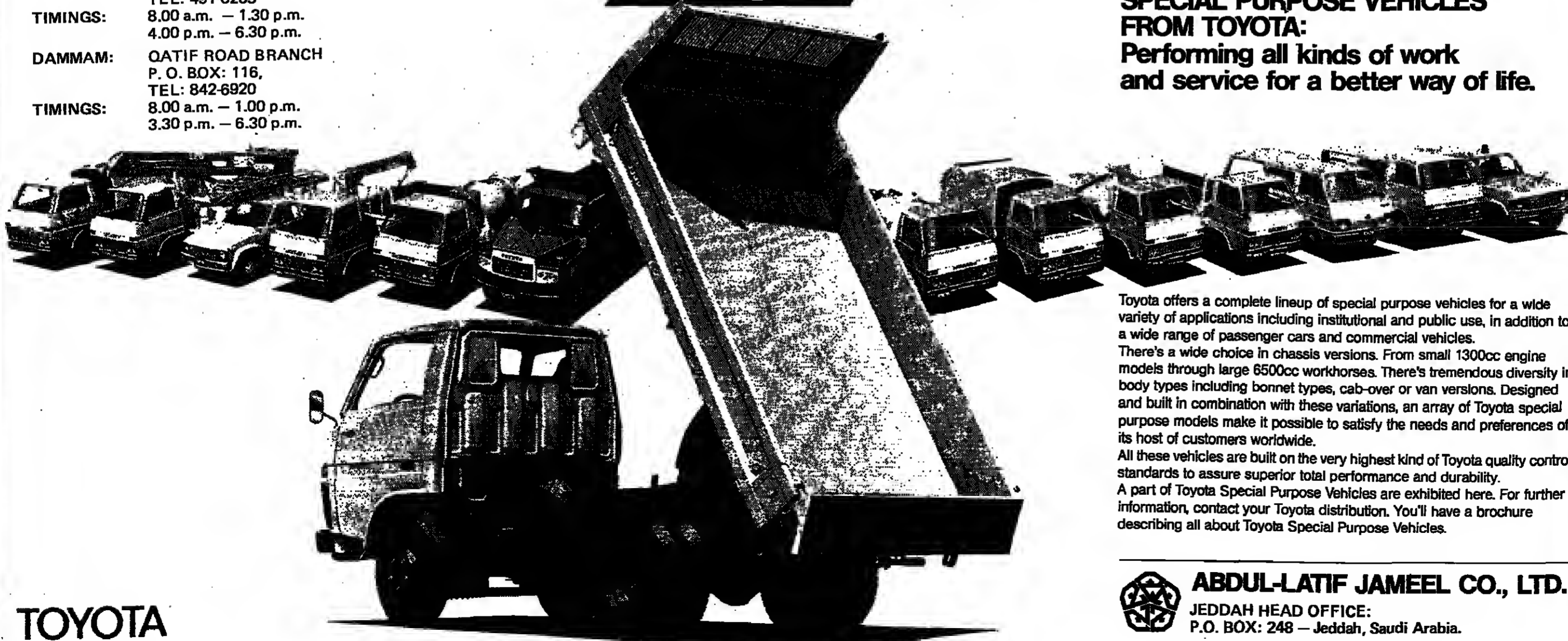
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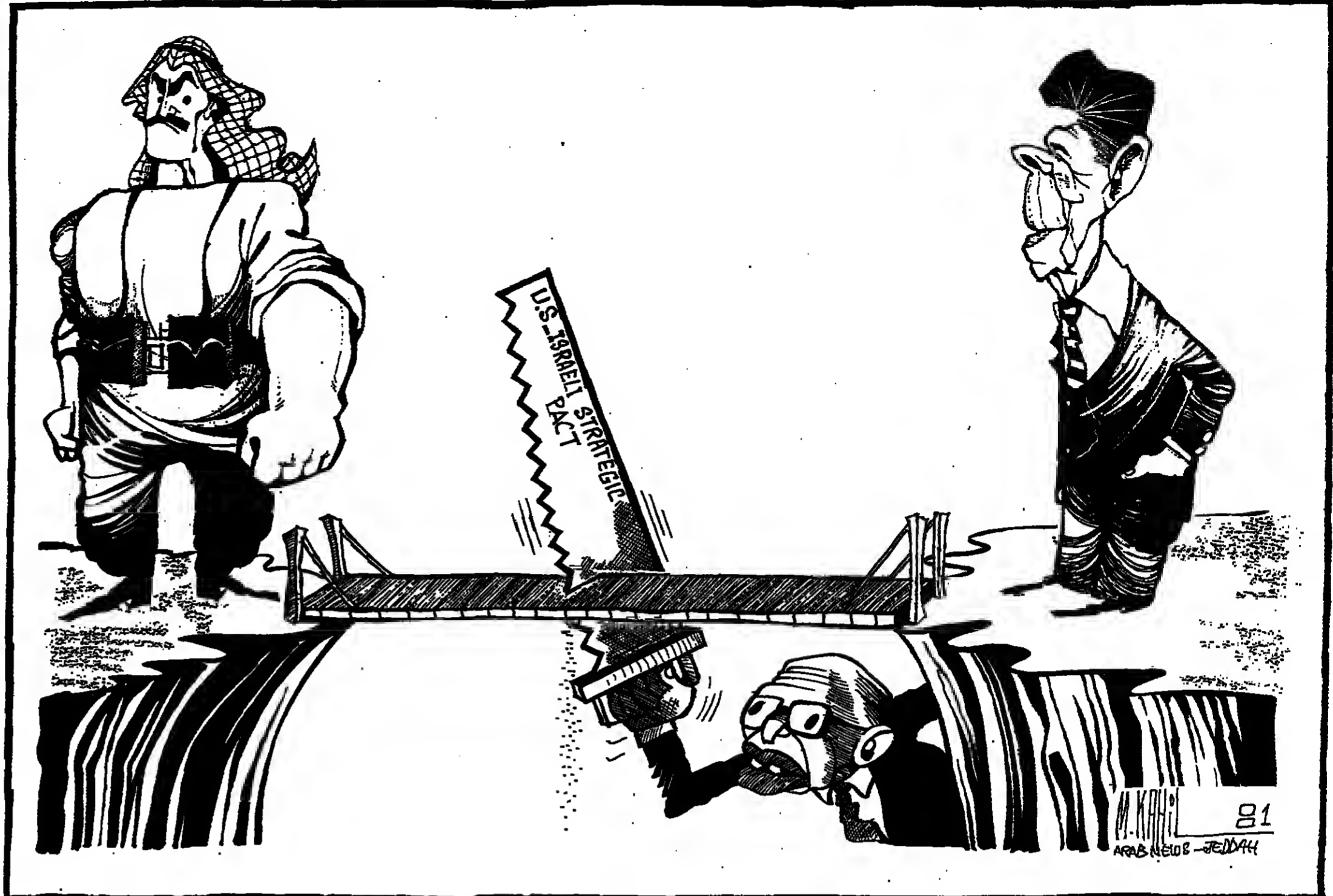
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Mitterrand adopts evenhanded policy in Middle East

By Robert Evans

PARIS — France's Socialist government, moving at center-stage in Middle East diplomacy, has embarked on the difficult task of building friendships throughout the region in the hope it can use its influence to bring peace.

While the administration of former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing focussed attention on wooing the Arab countries, President Francois Mitterrand has proclaimed an evenhanded policy between the two sides.

Coming to power last May with a reputation as a close friend of the Zionist state, Mitterrand initially moved cautiously to avoid suggesting that French foreign policy was about to swing firmly in Israel's favor. His first contacts as president were with Arab leaders and his first official visit abroad, in September, was to Saudi Arabia which provides nearly 50 percent of France's oil needs.

But next week his Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson flies to Tel Aviv to prepare for a visit in February by Mitterrand, who will become the first French president to go to Israel.

At the core of the Mitterrand administration's approach to the Middle East problem is the conviction that the Israelis and Palestinians somehow be brought together to discuss a way out of the present impasse. But in contrast to his predecessor, the new French president has consistently argued in public that it is vital for both Palestinians and the Arab countries to recognize unequivocally Israel's right to exist inside secure borders.

At the same time, Mitterrand says, Israel's own

history should enable it to understand that while the people of Palestine are deprived of a homeland of their own there can be no real peace in the area.

The president and Cheysson have regularly repeated their views in their travels, most recently last weekend when Mitterrand was in Algeria. "This is so there can be no misunderstanding of where we stand," one French official said.

"We are linked by friendship to all the countries of the region and we will not sacrifice any one of them," the foreign minister told the National Assembly in Paris recently.

"This forces us to say without ambiguity and to say it to everyone in the same terms that peace means justice for every one of the peoples in the region, the Palestinian as well as the Israeli," he said.

And in an interview with an Algerian newspaper last weekend, Mitterrand said recognition of Israel's right to security and of the Palestinian's right to a territory where they could build a state of their choice was "a matter of common sense."

Before his election victory, Mitterrand was an outspoken supporter of the Camp David peace agreements between Israel and Egypt and he has maintained his stand in his contacts with Arab leaders. But he also argues that with the completion of the Camp David process next April when Israeli forces are due to withdraw from Sinai a new formula must be tried to maintain the diplomatic impetus toward an overall settlement.

France saw the eight-point peace plan put forward in August by Crown Prince Fahd as offering such a formula and welcomed it as providing a basis for further discussions.

In an interview with the newspaper *Le Monde*, Cheysson said he believed the Saudi Arabian proposals would remain "the most interesting instrument of reflection" in seeking a solution of the Middle East problem for a long while.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), whose leader Yasser Arafat he met in Beirut at the end of August, had simply decided the enunciation of the Fahd plan at the present stage was premature, the French minister said.

Already Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin has expressed some reservations about the direction of French policy, but has so far chosen to point the finger specifically at Cheysson rather than the Socialist administration as a whole. In an interview broadcast on French television last week, Begin said that although he regarded Mitterrand as "a real friend of Israel" he could not say the same thing about Cheysson.

Diplomats say Israeli officials are deeply unhappy over French readiness to continue arms sales to Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia and Egypt, and over France's pledge to help Iraq rebuild a nuclear reactor destroyed by Israel.

Begin was also angered by Mitterrand's adherence to a statement by four West European countries linking their agreement to participate in a multinational force for the Sinai next year with a call for Palestinian self-determination.

Israel at first said it would not allow the four — France, Italy, Britain and the Netherlands — to provide units for the 2,500-strong force which is to police the area after the Israeli withdrawal. But this week it approved a U.S. formula which officials said would operate on the basis of the Camp David

treaty and could clear the way for the West European countries to join the force.

Diplomats say French interest in the fate of Lebanon and its condemnation of Israeli aggressions there have been another source of suspicion in Tel Aviv at the overall drift of policy in the seven months of Mitterrand's rule. But the Socialist government's efforts to cultivate friendships throughout the Middle East have also sparked criticism from Arab countries and organizations, as well as by implications from the French Communist Party.

The Communists, who have four ministers in the French cabinet, sponsored a pro-Palestinian meeting in Paris this week at which a senior party official, Maxim Gremetz, called on the administration to grant formal recognition to the PLO.

And in his interview with the Algerian newspaper, *El Moudjahid*, Mitterrand said official recognition of the PLO depended on a number of conditions, "particularly future Israeli-Palestinian coexistence."

At the same time the director of the Arab League Office in Paris, Muhammad Yazid, told the French Communist newspaper, *L'Humanite*, that the problem before France in the Middle East "is not to share out equally its friendships." France, he declared, had "to make a choice between the aggressor and occupier on one side and the victim of aggression and occupation on the other."

"We are certain that this is the choice of the French people and want it to be the choice of its leaders," Yazid said. "A few hours of public solidarity with the Palestinian people are worth more than a few political speeches followed by no concrete gestures." (R)

U.S.-TURKEY HONEYMOON

U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has been on an official visit to Turkey. Although his host is Turkey's minister of defense, he is being treated as the Turkish president's own guest. The cordiality of the welcome reflects Turkey's appreciation of the significance of Weinberger's visit. The Americans are at last about to meet part of Turkey's demand for modernization of its armed forces.

Turkish-American relations are now in an excellent condition. The Americans ardently approved of the military regime's attempts to improve the country's economic situation and quell its internal unrest. Washington approves even more of the political line taken by the regime, which blames the Soviet Union for the wave of political violence prior to the September 1980 coup which brought the present regime to power.

Relations between Washington and Ankara suffered a setback between the years 1975 and 1978, when the Americans stopped all arms shipments to Turkey following the latter's invasion of Cyprus, while Turkey took over all of the American bases in the country.

This is now all in the past. A bilateral defense pact between the two countries concluded in 1980 regulates the presence of U.S. troops in Turkey while American arms will soon flow to Turkey's forces. The European allies might be looking disapprovingly at the Washington Ankara honeymoon, but neither of the parties is showing any sign of worry on this account.

Saudi Arabian press review

Praise for the positive principles of the Kingdom's peace plan for the Middle East and the necessity to initiate a global action through the United Nations to force Israel to respect its resolutions on the Palestinian issue appeared for editorial comments in Saturday's newspapers.

Al-Bilad said the importance given by high-ranking officials at the Arab and international levels to the Kingdom's peace plan has clearly reflected the practicality of its principles and underlined a common Arab visualization to achieve the just causes of Arab and Palestinian peoples.

The paper observed that the Kingdom's peace plan with all its constructive elements and the issues it covers, has honestly represented the cornerstone for comprehensive Arab moves for achieving their prime goals.

Okaz referred to extensive moves and efforts exerted by the Kingdom to restore the usurped Arab rights on top of them Palestinian legitimate right for self-determination and independent statehood.

"The motive behind Saudi Arabia's diplomatic moves on an international level reflected the Kingdom's sincere desire and concern to restore the land rights to its legitimate owners," the paper said.

The paper stressed the importance of forging Arab solidarity, as a strong factor for the success of the Arab will and for exercising effective influence on policymakers at the international arena.

When Arab leaders insisted that the Saudi Arabian peace plan should become an Arab one, this

Allen's affair: When payoffs are 'a necessity of politics'

By Donald Kirk

TOKYO — The Japanese have come to believe in the value of proffering oversized gifts of money with all the passion with which they sell their products around the world.

"It's a part of business," said an official of a large trading company, adopting a tone of righteous realism. "It's a necessity of politics," echoed a low-level politician on the staff of the Diet, or parliament.

"It's Japanese custom" said an editor, justifying payment of large sums for "exclusive" interviews with celebrities and experts on almost any conceivable topic of popular appeal.

It was all in that spirit that a distinctly low-brow Japanese woman's magazine named *Shufu No Tomo* or *Housewife's Friend* paid \$1,000 for a brief meeting at the White House with Nancy Reagan on Jan. 21, the day after her husband's inauguration.

Now the question is whether Japanese business interests paid much more to national security adviser Richard Allen, who admits having received \$1,000 intended for Mrs. Reagan, but denies having received as much as \$10,000 — the figure that U.S. investigators say was on an envelope found in his safe.

Regardless of who actually paid how much to whom, Japanese businessmen believe it would indeed have been a good idea to compensate Allen for whatever he could do to smooth over bitter disputes on trade and defense spending between the U.S. and Japan.

"It is a kind of insurance for goodwill," said a junior official with a large trading company — the kind that sells Japanese products around the world. "It is a guarantee for the future."

From the Japanese viewpoint, said the official, anonymous for obvious reasons, the name of the game is "how to pay off the man of influence without getting caught." In Allen's case the task seemed relatively simple since he had a long record as a "consultant" to foreign interests — and did not abandon his \$100,000 a year arrangement with Nissan, Japan's second-ranking motor vehicle manufacturer, until a newspaper revealed the relationship late in Reagan's campaign for the presidency.

In such arrangements, Japanese observed, the trick is to find a go-between — and the obvious candidate for that role was a mysterious professor named Tamotsu Takase, who divides his time between lectures at Kyoto industrial university and his duties as "consultant" with his own firm in Tokyo. Takase, after all, had known Allen ever since they

U.S.-China relations at crucial stage

By Victoria Graham

PEKING — After three years of rapid progress, Sino-U.S. relations have reached a delicate — some say a crucial — moment and their ultimate success appears to depend whether and what kind of advanced fighters the United States sells to Taiwan.

China last week called arms sales "a key issue now endangering" development of Sino-U.S. relations; it frequently calls the issue the "major stumbling block."

It has become more intransigent, virtually painting itself into a corner that will require a powerful response. An official commentary declared Nov. 24 that China opposes arms sales of any kind of Taiwan and said arms sales "can only gravely endanger" Sino-U.S. relations "and lead to their standstill and retrogression."

Political observers say China's position has become more rigid since Sept. 30 when it announced a comprehensive peace plan, calling for reunification talks and offering Taiwan leaders unspecified posts in the central government while the island remains virtually autonomous.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig said last month the issue of arms sales to Taiwan was a "worrysome specter" hovering over Sino-U.S. relations.

Former U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale said recently in Peking that Chinese leaders now have

did research together at Stanford University's Hoover Institute more than 20 years ago, and he and his wife, Chizuko, could legitimately claim they were "close friends of the Allens," both Mr. and Mrs.

Even after Allen had theoretically abandoned his interest in Potomac Intercontinental Corporation, the consulting firm through which he maintained ties with Takase's company in Japan, he received Takase in the White House — on one occasion when Takase introduced Choichiro Toyoda, vice-president of Japan's Toyota motor company.

Does that kind of relationship mean that there is more than has been revealed about Takase's dealings with Allen? The fact that Chizuko Takase introduced freelance writer Fuyuko Kamisaka to Allen and then to Mrs. Reagan — and recommended the purchase of a pair of wristwatches as gifts for Allen — has deepened suspicions.

Kamisaka has said that Allen received the \$1,000 payment for the interview with Mrs. Reagan "for charity" and promised to acknowledge it with a receipt, which was never sent. The additional disclosure that Chizuko Takase saw Allen separately before Reagan's inauguration has added to the mystery.

"I have nothing to say, why do you bother us," shouted Chizuko when asked by telephone to comment on her role in the affair. Her husband, whenever he answered the phone or the call box outside the gate of his spacious mansion in an upper-class Tokyo suburb, insisted in Japanese that he spoke only Japanese — a remarkably assertion for a man who studied at Harvard and Stanford and later taught at George Washington University in Washington.

"It would have been a perfect line to the center of power," said a Japanese analyst with a political

advisory firm. "If Allen had not been so careless about the envelope."

Japanese appeared no more surprised by the idea of bribing a top U.S. official than they were by the practice of paying for interviews. "It is all routine," said the editor of another Japanese magazine, noting that former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka and a number of his confederates are still standing trial on charges of having accepted huge payoffs from Lockheed aircraft executives to facilitate the sale of planes for commercial and military purposes. "If the Americans can do it to our leaders, why can't we do it to theirs?" asked the editor.

Far more customary is the passing of money from Japanese corporate interests to Japanese political leaders, who in turn spread it among their dutiful followers. "Money politics" is a common term here to describe the glue needed to bind powerful factions in the Diet. (ONS)

economic relations will suffer if political relations are harmed.

Diplomatic sources say Chinese are insistent that their response to possible arms sales will be important, and not symbolic. China repeatedly has said that Sino-U.S. strategic cooperation must have a solid foundation. A major rift over Taiwan probably would damage Sino-U.S. strategic cooperation in Southeast Asia and on issues of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Some Western diplomats argue the Sino-U.S. strategic relationship in opposing the Soviet Union is far more important to China than arms sales to Taiwan, and that China would hardly dare to turn its back on the United States.

The Reagan administration has said it will fulfill its commitment to sell arms to Taiwan, but will weigh Taiwan's needs as well as the U.S. relationship with China.

China never has said exactly what it would do if the United States sells advanced jets to Taiwan, nor has it linked its response to a particular type of aircraft. "Sales of weapons, whatever type, constitute violation of China's sovereignty and intervention in China's internal affairs," *Xinhua* said Nov. 24.

In May, China downgraded relations with the Netherlands because the government approved sale of two submarines to Taiwan. China warned the United States at that time to take heed. (AP)

Ciskei's independence day viewed as promoting S. African apartheid

By Andrew Torchia

BISHO, Ciskei (AP) — Bisho, a windy hilltop pegged out to be a city some day, became a capital at midnight Thursday when white-ruled South Africa declared the black homeland of Ciskei to be independent.

Bisho's first hotel is still a muddy pasture and the parliament building will not be finished for several years. But there were ceremonies like those that have marked independence celebrations in black Africa since the 1960s — tribal dancing in a new stadium, drum-beating, lighting of signal fires, a 101-gun salute, and hoisting the blue and white Ciskei flag which bears a crane, the national bird.

But for most of the world, and to many of Ciskei's people, Ciskei's independence is illusory. Yusuf Maitama-Sule, a Nigerian who chairs the United Nations' Special Committee Against Apartheid, described Ciskei last month as part of a plan to dispossess South African blacks and preserve white domination.

Under race separation laws, all of South Africa's 20 million blacks are assigned to one of 10 tribal homelands. Three — Transkei, Venda and Bophuthatswana — have been created as states where blacks can do what they cannot do in South Africa — vote, own land and enter any restaurant they choose. The three states are recognized only by South Africa, and each other.

Critics regard the homelands as a charade

to preserve white dominance in South Africa by shunting off the black population — more than three-fourths of South Africa's people — to only 13 percent of the land, and poor land at that, with little hope of development apart from South Africa.

Critics say South Africa continues to benefit from black labor, while making these same blacks foreigners with no rights in South Africa.

According to a recent survey, 30 percent of Ciskei's urban population is unemployed, 65 percent of its wages are earned in South Africa and South African aid provides about 80 percent of Ciskei's public funds. Moreover, 65 percent of Ciskei's black "citizens" live outside its borders in South Africa.

"I don't know why they call it independence," said Eric Weyer, mayor of King William's Town. "Ciskei is going to be dependent on South Africa for many years."

King William's Town, the region's greatest economic asset, will not be part of Ciskei because the town's white residents overwhelmingly voted to remain in South Africa.

According to official sources, South Africa has invested more than 322 million rand (\$338 million) in homeland development, and has moved 317,000 blacks into the homelands in the past decade.

Ciskei, roughly the size of Cyprus, is bounded by the Kei and Great Fish rivers and is completely surrounded by South Africa or the South African homeland of Transkei.

Ciskei has been a flashpoint in race relations for 200 years. A century of black-white frontier war over land broke out there in 1779. The African National Congress, the outlawed black nationalist organization which has claimed responsibility for anti-white sabotage in South Africa, was founded in Ciskei in 1912.

Steve Biko, the black consciousness advocate who died in police custody in 1977, grew up in King William's Town, a white-controlled regional industrial center overlooked by Bisho Hill and nearly surrounded by Ciskei. Fort Hare University in Ciskei educated a generation of leaders in black Africa, including Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

In a referendum a year ago, Ciskeians voted for independence, 295,000 to 1,600, after Chief Minister Lennox Sebe warned persons opposed to the new state not to vote. Months earlier, a neutral commission conducted a survey which found that two-thirds of Ciskeians opposed political separation from South Africa.

Black opposition springs from labor unions whose members work in the port of East London and live in Mdantsane, which is the third-largest black township in South Africa with more than 200,000 residents. Union spokesmen contend independence is another barrier to gaining political rights within South Africa, and describe Sebe's government as oppressive. Sebe responded by detaining dozens of union members.

Some white opponents say Ciskei, with no minerals, an unskilled labor force and inefficient agriculture that supplies only half its food, is not ready. White residents voted by 16-to-1 in January to keep King William's Town out of Ciskei, thus depriving the state of badly needed investment.

Other whites raise moral objections. Associate professor Nancy Charton at Rhodes University, in nearby Grahamstown, says more than half of Ciskei's 660,000 people have been forcibly moved out of white areas and into Ciskei since 1958. Many, she says, have had to live in makeshift resettlement camps, and some have been moved two or three times.

"This is a terrible thing — pushing people around like pieces on a chess board," she said.

"Whatever you may think, independence gives them a chance to make decisions for themselves," said Allan Conrade, a South African civil servant who helped organize the 1-million-rand (\$1.1-million) independence celebrations with funds from South Africa. "In the short term, that's the only opportunity for black people in South Africa."

Sebe, a 55-year-old former teacher, projects independence as the reclaiming of land blacks lost in the 19th-Century frontier wars.



BITE THE DUST: At a school for Western actors in California, students are taught to die with deadly realism. The "shoot em up" is always a feature of the graduating class when relatives and friends are invited to view the event. The school supplies nearby Hollywood studios with a variety of heroes and villains.

Roman vessels unearthed in Germany Archeologists begin salvage effort

By Colin Narbrough

MAINZ, West Germany, (R) — "People of Mainz, save your Roman ships." Bold black letters appear on the retaining wall of a building site here which has yielded a small fleet of Roman cargo vessels.

Experts hail the find as unique, but salvaging the seven sodden hulks from the centre of this busy Rhineland city is a race against soaring costs and deepening winter.

Discovery of the buried craft has caught local people's imagination and lures crowds away from shopping to peer into the muddy depths of the site for fresh signs of their Roman past.

Amateur archeologists stumbled across the ships during a Sunday afternoon dig last month in a trench excavated for an extension to a local hotel.

The authorities were alerted and a team of specialists, led by state archeologist Gerd Rupprecht, has been working around the clock to try to raise the ships.

Dr. Rupprecht, stubble-chinned and red-cyed from lack of sleep, compares rescuing relics of the past to being a fireman — every call has to be treated as an emergency.

"Mainz has been a city for over two thousand years and new construction sites invariably turn up rich material for the archeologist. We have to be ready to turn out at any time."

"We were expecting something to come out of the site, as it's just outside the old city wall. But we had no idea we would find the ships — nothing like this has been found anywhere before."

He believes the ships were scuttled as timber was abundant at the time and breaking up the ships took more effort than it was worth.

"Timber samples have been firmly dated to 376 A.D. on the basis of annual growth rings in the wood. This puts the ships in the period when the city was still Roman, although they do not conform to previously known Roman ship types," he says.

Mogantiacum — Mainz's name in Roman times — was capital of the frontier province of Upper Germania until the middle of the Fourth Century when the legions of the crumbling empire withdrew.

The first bid to raise one of the ships in a bed of foam rubber was unsuccessful. Dr. Rupprecht's tireless squad plans a second

attempt this week using other techniques.

The dark brown oak hulls will now be lifted on steel plates driven into the soil in which the vessels are embedded. The ships, up to 12 meters long, are pinned together with lead-coated iron rivets and show that oar and sail-power were employed.

"They appear to be cargo vessels used for transporting a variety of goods along the river," Dr. Rupprecht says.

"Once removed from the site, the ships will be kept in special vats for two to three years while water in the timber is gradually displaced with preservative chemicals.

A geologist on the site points out that nature preserved them relatively well too. The vessels had lain in a dead arm of the Rhine where the lack of oxygen prevented decay.

The recovery team welcomes the cool damp weather that has prevailed since the initial find as it is near-ideal for keeping the ancient hulks intact, if disagreeable to work in.

But Dr. Rupprecht is concerned that cold weather and frost could arrive at any moment and cause serious damage to the exposed vessels.

Microbe army could solve toxic chemical problems

By Philip J. Hiltz

WASHINGTON (WP) — A new microbe that eats nothing but toxic chemicals has been created in an Illinois laboratory, opening the way to new methods of cleaning up chemical spills and scouring the ten thousand dangerous toxic waste dumps around the country.

"We hope to make toxic chemicals biodegradable," said Dr. A. M. Chakrabarty, of the University of Illinois at Chicago. The method used to create the bug should be able to create not one but an army of such microbes to eat different toxic chemicals, he said.

"During the past several decades the release of various synthetic chemicals... into the environment has resulted in serious environmental pollution. The problem is not only the toxicity of the chemicals, but their persistence, so that they ultimately contaminate human bodies," wrote Chakrabarty in a report in the Dec. 4 issue of the *Journal of Science*. An example is a hazardous plant-killing chemical called 245-T, which is suspected of causing birth defects.

Combining old breeding techniques with new genetic methods, Chakrabarty and his colleagues S. T. Kellogg and D. K. Chatterjee have created a new bacterium that lives solely on a diet of 245-T and a few other related chemicals.

In soil with a relatively high concentration of 1,000 parts per million of 245-T, the new bug will eat more than 98 percent of the chemical under laboratory conditions. Dr. Chakrabarty said.

Chakrabarty expects to unleash the bacteria in field tests this spring, probably in areas such as those highly contaminated by the U.S. Air Force target-practice with agent orange. The concentrations in those areas are as high as 20,000 parts per million, or about two percent of the soil content. High levels of the chemical have remained in the soil more than 15 years because 245-T is degraded very slowly in the environment.

"We can decontaminate the soil by applying the bugs once a week for six weeks," predicted Chakrabarty.

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U.S. Senate clears biggest defense bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (R) — The Republican-dominated Senate approved the biggest defense bill in U.S. history Friday night after weathering Democratic criticism that President Ronald Reagan was stressing nuclear weapons at the expense of conventional forces.

The \$208.7-billion bill, approved by an overwhelming 84-5 vote, contained \$2.4 billion for the B-1 strategic nuclear bomber and \$1.9 billion for the MX intercontinental ballistic missile. The passage of the bill ensured that Reagan's plans to spend \$1.80 billion on modernizing the U.S. strategic nuclear forces

over the next six years would go ahead.

The debate was stretched out for five days by a series of attempts by Democrats to restore funds for conventional forces which Reagan had sought last spring but withdrew in September as part of his budget cuts. Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska, who steered the bill through the Senate, told reporters Friday that the decisions made this week were crucial for U.S. defense policy into the next century.

Chinese urged to fight for rights

HONG KONG, Dec. 5 (AFP) — In an open letter to the National People's Congress (parliament) session taking place in Peking, a Hong Kong group has appealed to NPC delegates to "fight for the civil rights" of dissidents detained without trial.

"Respected NPC delegates: since you want to represent the people, you should reflect the people's wishes and call for democracy and the rule of law," said the letter, signed by the "Hong Kong Association in Support of China's Democratic Movement." Copies of the letter were distributed Friday to newspapers and wire agencies.

"Since April this year, the public security bureaux (police stations) in various parts of China have arrested participants in China's democratic movement and responsible persons of people's publications," the letter said.

He said he thought the Democrats had made a legitimate argument that funds were being taken from normal forces operations to support such glamour projects as the B-1. "There is no question about it. We are reducing the size of our Indian Ocean fleet by one half carrier task force to pay for having a manned bomber," Stevens said.

But he said Republicans felt conventional forces alone were inadequate. The United States should incorporate available high technology into weapons systems as fast as possible while maintaining a standing army at minimum level.

He was responding to Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia, a key figure in the Democrats' battle to restore funds for conventional forces who said during the debate that the policy being adopted increased the risk of nuclear war.

"In an era of increased Soviet use of conventional forces and proxy forces, America is inadvertently... following policies which inevitably, if followed in future years, will lead to limiting our options to nuclear responses in any kind of all-out confrontation with the Soviet Union," Nunn said.

The Senate bill must now be reconciled with the House of Representatives bill which is \$12 billion smaller.

'Little old kids' get together at Disneyland

ANAHEIM, California, Dec. 5 (AP) — Meg Casey, at 26 possibly the oldest victim of a rare rapid aging disease, met an 11-year-old girl Friday with the same incurable illness to give her hope and encourage her to be assertive.

"When people get on your nerves — whenever they're out of line — put them in their place. It's kind of fun," Miss Casey told Alicia Gowans of San Jose, California, another victim of progeria.

"People are really so shocked when someone as little as you and I tell them off. They think we are going to be little, sweet things," said Miss Casey, who is 4 feet (1.22 meters) tall and weighs 18 kg (40 pounds).

Miss Casey traveled from her home in Milford, Connecticut, Thursday night to meet Alicia and two boys, also victims of progeria, who had arrived at Disneyland last Sunday.

Francis Geringer, 8, of Orkney, South Africa, and Mickey Hays, 9, of Hallsville, Texas, took off on a shopping and sightseeing trip Friday morning and missed the meeting between Miss Casey and Miss Gowang at the Disneyland hotel.

The two boys' meeting resulted in wide-

spread publicity that attracted from other progeria victims who felt a bond with Francis and Mickey because of the rarity of the disease and the similarity of victims' physical characteristics.

All progeria victims are bald, wrinkled dwarfs with bulging eyes and stooped bodies. They age faster than normal, causing young children to look like elderly people. They fail to grow beyond 4 feet, and heart attacks usually kill them before they reach their mid-teens.

Alicia, who is 3 feet (1 meter) tall and weighs 23 pounds (10 kg), was dressed in a blue and yellow outfit with the Disney character Dopey sewn on her skirt. She said she didn't believe Miss Casey's waist-length blond hair was a wig.

Miss Casey, an outspoken artist who is learning to drive and plans to have her own specially equipped car soon, said she did not come to California "to be Joan of Arc," but that she wanted people to appreciate her independent attitude and the normality of her life. "They're so wrapped up in the physical condition they forget you are a person in there," she said.

Miss Casey, who grew up with six older

brothers, said her height was the biggest obstacle in her life. "It's really hard when you're wearing a child's size not to have Mickey Mouse on it. Everybody has mountains to climb, but my problems are the shelves in the supermarket," she said.

Harold Kushner and his wife, Suzette, of Natick, Massachusetts, whose son, Aaron, died of progeria four years ago, joined Miss Casey and Alicia for the afternoon.

Mrs. Kushner said Aaron had very much wanted to meet Miss Casey, but her parents had kept her so sheltered that it wasn't possible before he died at age 14.

"I wasn't ready for that," said Miss Casey. "My parents didn't want my childhood interrupted." Kushner's recently published book, *How Bad Things Happen to Good People*, stemmed from the anger and hurt he felt because of Aaron's affliction.

The progeria victims' gathering started out as a trip to Disneyland for Francis, who wanted to meet Pinocchio. The Sunshine Foundation, a Philadelphia charity, paid for his trip. And when Mickey and Alicia heard about it, they wanted to go to Disneyland too. The three met Thursday and exchanged presents.

Times incurring losses

LONDON, Dec. 5 (AP) — London's famous *Times* newspaper lost 8 million pounds (\$15.5 million) since July 1 and losses might reach 13 million pounds (\$25.2 million) or more, says managing director Gerald Long.

Answering questions from one of his own reporters on the future of *Times* Newspapers Ltd., Long said he knew of no plan or possibility of their being sold. The director's remarks appeared in the *Times* Saturday. Long said the financial situation was very worrying and he hoped some action can be sought to limit the losses.

Greenpeace to stay near Mururoa

PAPEETE, Tahiti, Dec. 5 (AFP) — A former French presidential candidate aboard *Greenpeace III*, a ship belonging to the Greenpeace ecological group, said Saturday the vessel could remain close to France's nuclear testing grounds near here for as long as three months.

The ship, which reached the South Pacific earlier this week to protest French underground tests on the atoll of Mururoa, had enough food to last that long, according to Brice Lalonde, an ecologist who ran in the first round of France's presidential elections this year.

"We still have had no response from the French government to our request, which is really quite reasonable and small," he said. "They simply would have to suspend nuclear tests for a few months, until the conference on disarmament" — a United Nations General Assembly meeting set to begin next May.

Lalonde said he had "every reason to believe" that a response on the matter would arrive in about a week from French President Francois Mitterrand.

He said the choice of Mururoa for underground tests was a mistake because "we don't much know what happens when you fire (the weapons) in basalt."

Greenpeace III, which left Amsterdam 36 days ago, was warned not to approach to within 12 miles (19 kms) of the atoll.

Pen Sovann relieved of top party post

BANGKOK, Dec. 5 (AFP) — Pen Sovann, powerful secretary-general of the central committee of Cambodia's People's Revolutionary Party, has been relieved of his post, the Cambodian news agency SPK monitored here reported Saturday. The agency said he had stepped down for health reasons requiring a "long rest." He is 45.

The leadership of the pro-Soviet Communist Party, formed last May, goes to state council chairman Heng Samrin. A central committee communiqué quoted by SPK said Heng Samrin had been elected unanimously at a plenary session of the party central committee Wednesday.

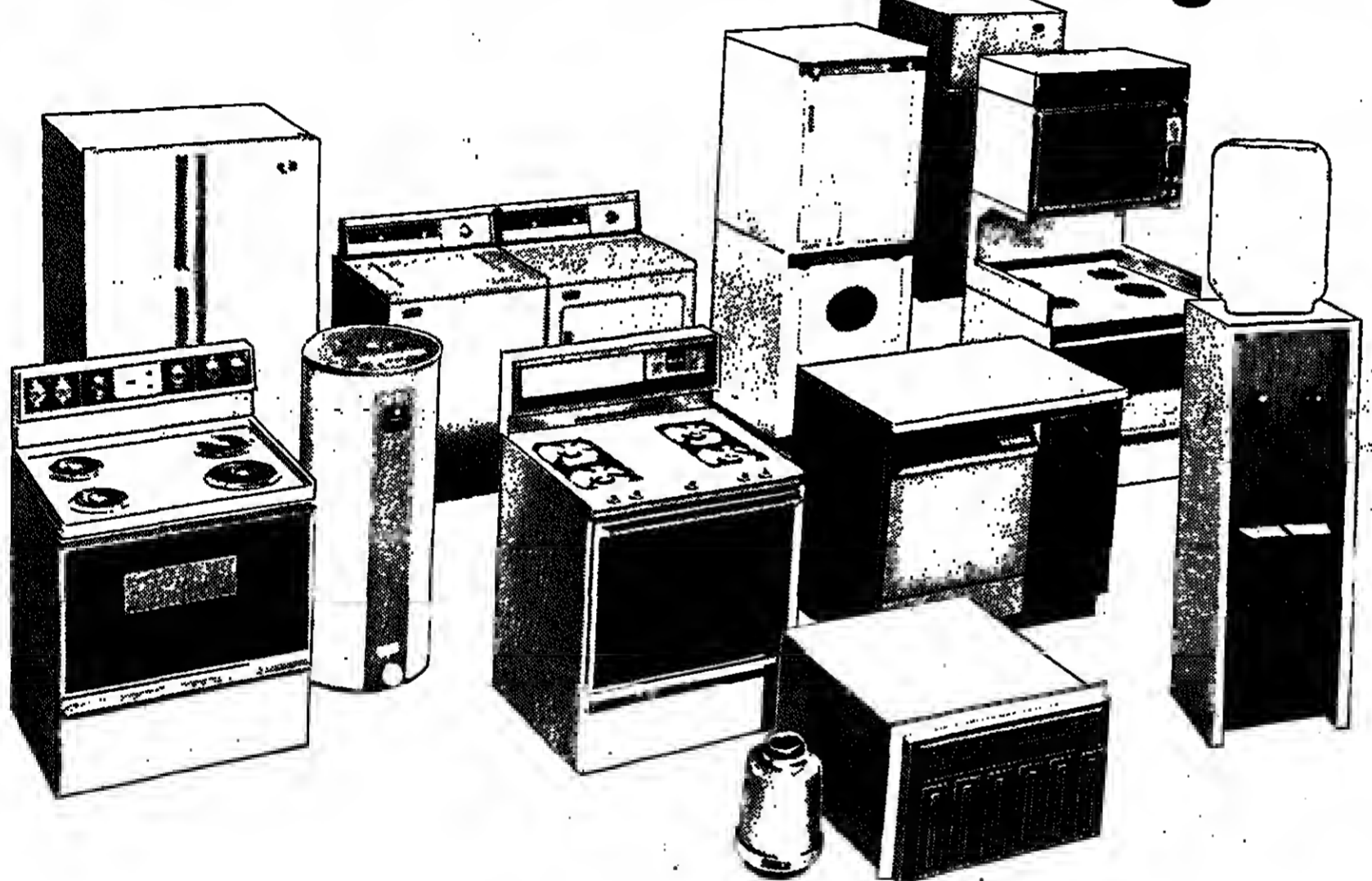
Pen Sovann was considered as the strong man in Cambodia as soon as the current regime took over in January 1979, after a Vietnamese-backed armed intervention ousted the Khmer Rouge. He was elected secretary-general of the new People's Revolutionary Party on May 28. Pen Sovann was also prime minister, and a Phnom Penh deputy. SPK did not say whether he retained these posts.

Observers noted that Pen Sovann had not before been reported in ill health. Wednesday, the day the party elected Heng Samrin to replace him, SPK reported that the outgoing party secretary had just returned from a trip to Battambang, some 300 kms northwest of the capital. The report on the trip still referred to Pen Sovann as party secretary-general and prime minister.

The news of his replacement came as a surprise here as Pen Sovann is far more experienced than his successor. His relationship with the Vietnamese was built up over 25 years in North Vietnam, where he won the full confidence of its Communist leaders.

Heng Samrin held a provincial command under the Khmer Rouge until 1978. He then spent a year in Vietnam, where he recruited and trained Cambodians to resist the Pol Pot regime.

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Nicaragua 'militarization'

Haig fears war in C. America

CASTRIES, St. Lucia, Dec. 5 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig called on Latin American nations Friday to help curb what he described as Nicaragua's Cuban-sponsored "militarization" and said it raises the threat of war in Central America.

In a speech to the Organization of American States, Haig said the United States was ready to work with other nations "in doing whatever is prudent and necessary to prevent any country in Central America from becoming the platform of terror and war in the region."

However, the secretary assured delegates

from the other 26 member nations that the United States has "no plans to send combat troops to Central America."

Instead, he suggested that it was time for all countries in the region to discuss ways of stopping "the import of heavy offensive weapons" into Central America and ways "to limit the number of foreign military advisers to reasonable levels."

Citing the 1947 Rio Treaty for collective defense in the Americas, Haig said, "our obligation to resist aggression is all the more important when an outside power seeks to impose a totalitarian ideology or when the

purpose of insurgency is to destroy any possibility of freedom and democracy."

He made clear that the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan holds Cuba and Nicaragua responsible for most of the unrest in Latin America particularly in El Salvador.

Miguel d'Escoto Brockman, Nicaragua's Foreign Minister, took the floor a few hours later and denounced the U.S. accusations as lies and "verbal terrorism."

He charged that "threats, calumnies and pressures... constitute the principal element of the policy of the State Department toward Nicaragua."

"Officials of the State Department say we are preparing an offensive army that constitutes a threat to Central America, to which we say: Lies, nothing more absurd or further from the truth," D'Escoto said.

He said the accusations of Nicaraguan interventionism in El Salvador were a "tale" intended to obscure the "historical causes" of that nation's civil war.

Haig charged that Cuba "no longer makes any pretense of respecting the sovereignty of other countries" and since 1979 has embarked on a "systematic campaign of increasing interference against its neighbors."

"Meanwhile," he said, "the principle of non-intervention is being violated as arms, ammunition and other military supplies flow from Nicaragua to the Salvadoran insurgents."

The United States cut off all aid to the Nicaraguan government earlier this year, accusing it of funneling arms from Cuba to Salvadoran rebels fighting to oust the country's U.S.-backed military-civilian junta.

Other nations of Central America "fear — and we must all fear — that the militarization of Nicaragua is but a prelude to a widening war in Central America," Haig said.

Haig, who held a stormy meeting with Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto Wednesday night, said the United States was willing to improve relations with Nicaragua if it "addresses our concerns about interventionism and militarization."

Concern about collective security, Haig said, was one of three parts in an "agenda for cooperation" in the hemisphere in which the other two concerns are "first to reaffirm and promote democracy" and "second, to create new economic opportunity."

Chile cabinet reshuffled; policies stay

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 5 (AP) — President Augusto Pinochet replaced three cabinet ministers Friday, but said there would be no significant changes in the policies of the military government he had headed since the 1973 coup that ousted the late Marxist President Salvador Allende.

Pinochet, the commanding general of the army, also announced a 90-day extension of the state of emergency that has been in effect for seven years. He retained 15 ministers in the traditional year-end realignment of the civilian-military cabinet in which all of the ministers offer their resignations.

Changes were made in the defense, mining and planning ministries. Pinochet, in his address at the presidential palace, said, "we will continue perfecting our market economy and social system." He promised an "accelerated development, that benefits especially those social sectors always left behind."

Albania accused of interference

BELGRADE, Dec. 5 (R) — Yugoslavia has accused neighboring Albania of interfering in its internal affairs and threatening its territorial integrity, the official news agency Tanjug reported.

It said Friday Albanian Ambassador Sokrat Plaka was called in by Assistant Foreign Minister Sava Obradovic who handed him a protest note. This complained of "harsh Albanian interference" in Yugoslavia's internal affairs and "threatening the territorial integrity of Yugoslavia at the eighth congress of the Albanian Communist Party," the agency said. The announcement gave no other details.

Albanian leader Enver Hoxha at his party's congress in November charged that Yugoslavia was establishing a reign of terror in the southern province of Kosovo. Relations between nonaligned Yugoslavia and Stalinist Albania declined sharply after Albanian nationalist riots in Kosovo last spring in which at least nine persons were killed and scores injured.

Yugoslav leaders have described the riots as counter-revolutionary, separatist and aimed at breaking up the Yugoslav federation.

London taxis carry ads

LONDON, Dec. 5 (AP) — The box-shaped black taxi, as much a part of London as Big Ben and Buckingham Palace, now has the green light to carry advertisements around the city, breaking an 85-year-old ban first imposed on horse-drawn cabs.

"It's a sad day for me," cabbie Arthur Overton, 61, said Friday. "It will destroy the image."

Scotland Yard, which strictly controls London's 13,000 black cabs, on Tuesday approved advertising placard on the outside of both front doors of a taxi. At the same time, about 250 taxis went even farther along the commercial route by introducing coin-operated radios for passengers, billing them as a world's first taxi service.

The innovations come after years of campaigning by representatives of London's 17,000 licensed cab drivers, who say they can't keep up with rising fuel costs and inflation.

"It's not going to bring any fortune in, but it will pay a bill," said Arnold Sandler, chairman of the 5,000-member licensed Taxi Drivers' Association.

"The adverts will be of the acceptable type," he said, "they won't say, 'come to Charlie Brown's strip joint where you can have a good time.'"

Still, many of the two dozen or so drivers sipping tea at Paddington cab shelter were skeptical. "People no longer will recognize the London cab," said Overton, who has been driving his own cab for 28 years.

"We'll look like a circus show, like the Americans," sniffed James Scanlan, a 60-year-old driver from a company-owned fleet. Taxi owner Robert Lorraine, also 60, held forth a minority view in the cab shelter. "I'm not bothered by the appearance," he said.

Most of the drivers were concerned that the extra income would never filter down to them. Costs and percentages allowed cab owners have not been publicized, but one driver said he was told he would get 76 pounds (about \$150) a year to place ads on both sides of his cab.

For years London taxis have carried interior advertising on the back seat facing passengers and the familiar double-decker buses have long used as movable billboards.

U.S.-Cuban talks reported

MADRID, Dec. 5 (AFP) — The first cabinet-level meeting between U.S. and Cuban officials since the Cuban missile crisis of 1962 took place late last month, the Madrid daily *El Pais* reported Saturday.

It said Secretary of State Alexander Haig had a secret talk with Cuban Deputy Premier Carlos Rafael Rodriguez on Nov. 23 in Mexico City following the recent U.S. threats against Cuba, accused by American officials of supporting leftist guerrillas in El Salvador.

The newspaper said the talk took place at the Mexican Foreign Ministry. The only

witness was Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda.

El Pais said reliable diplomatic sources revealed that a preparatory meeting was held in the Mexican ambassador's residence in Havana on Nov. 20. It was attended by Rodriguez, President Fidel Castro and his brother Raul.

El Pais said Deputy Premier Rodriguez' trip to Mexico City was kept completely secret although he also had talks there with Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo and with Foreign Minister Castaneda.

BRIEFS

ROME (AFP) — Four gunmen disguised as excise officers wounded two policemen, one critically, in a patrol car in a northern quarter of Rome Saturday, Interior Ministry sources said. One of the attackers was wounded during the shooting. His three companions made their escape in the police car, which they exchanged a few blocks away for another vehicle seized at gunpoint. The Interior Ministry said the attack resembled a planned ambush, possibly by right-wing extremists.

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain (R) — police arrested about a score of self-proclaimed anti-militarists who occupied the West German consulate in San Sebastian Saturday in

protest against Spain's decision to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), a police spokesman said. A leader of the group told the domestic news agency Europa Press by telephone: "We are a group of anti-militarists. We are protesting against Spain's entry into NATO, and the presence of American bases in Spain and against military service."

NAPLES, Italy, (AP) — Police said an estimated 1,000 youths marched through the streets of this southern Italian city Saturday chanting slogans calling for peace and nuclear disarmament ahead of U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's scheduled visit here. Police reported no incidents.

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U.S. clears Kuwait deal with Santa Fe

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5. (Agencies) — The U.S. government has cleared the way for the state-owned Kuwait Petroleum Company to buy Santa Fe International Corporation, an American oil drilling contracting firm, in \$2.5 billion deal.

The decision, announced Friday by the Justice Department, followed months of investigations to determine whether a takeover of an American energy concern by a company owned by a foreign government posed a potential threat to U.S. security.

The department said its investigation had shown the deal did not violate anti-monopoly laws, which bar mergers and acquisitions that could lessen competition in a specific U.S. market.

Shortly before the announcement, the treasury issued a statement declaring that the government's committee on foreign investments in the United States had found the merger "did not have major negative implications for United States national interest."

Santa Fe shareholders Tuesday approved the deal but no effective date for the sale has been announced. The eventual takeover will be one of the largest Arab investments in the United States. Concern had been aired in Congress last month about the plan because Santa Fe is the parent company of C.F. Braun incorporated which has done several major defense-related projects involving nuclear materials.

Braun designed the Rocky flats nuclear weapons installation in Colorado and recently assumed the contract on the Hanford nuclear weapons facility in Washington state.

A worry expressed during a Congressional

hearing was that Braun's expertise is in reprocessing plants that produce plutonium, a material that can be used to make nuclear weapons.

But in a statement, the Committee on Foreign Investment, an inter-agency panel, said that after its review, it "has concluded that the proposed merger does not have major negative implications for the United States national interests." The One-page statement did not elaborate.

The panel was set up about six years ago to look at the impact of foreign investments in the United States.

It is headed by Marc Leland, assistant treasury secretary for international affairs. Representatives of the departments of state, defense and commerce, the office of the United States trade representative and the council of economic advisers also are members.

The statement said the Santa Fe matter was also reviewed by the interior, justice and energy departments and the federal trade commission. Kuwait Petroleum offered \$51 a share for the 48.5 million outstanding shares on common stock of Santa Fe, which is based in Alhambra, California.

Santa Fe's directors, who include former President Gerald R. Ford, unanimously backed the deal. Santa Fe is an international contractor that explores for gas and oil and has worked in Kuwait. It has no ties to the Santa Fe railroad or its parent, Santa Fe Industries Inc.

Last year, the company had revenues of about \$1.2 billion half of which came from its foreign operations. Net income was put at \$80.9 million.



AUTOMATED CATTLE FEEDING: This automatic feeder is gaining wide acceptance amongst cattle farmers in the U.S. Drawn by a tractor, the feed wagon dispenses its load through an adjustable duct at the cattle trough. Feeding is seen here at a farm in Ohio.

U.S. probes Reagan rumors

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (R) — U.S. criminal and financial authorities have begun investigations into rumors about President Reagan's health that affected financial markets, and want to know if they were spread deliberately by speculators looking for profits.

An unfounded rumor that President Reagan had suffered a heart attack spread across stock and commodity markets on Wednesday, forcing gold up \$15.50 to \$423 an ounce, while depressing bond prices and the dollar. The rumor persisted long after it was staunchly denied by the White House.

Prague curbs food exports

PRAGUE, Dec. 5 (AP) — Czechoslovakia's customs authorities Friday announced a considerably expanded list of goods travelers may not take out of the country.

The new customs regulations, coming in the wake of similar decrees issued in Bulgaria and Hungary, will become effective Dec. 5 and appeared to reflect growing supply problems in Czechoslovakia.

The new list includes all foodstuffs and cigarettes and tobacco product, cotton textiles, knitwear, children's clothing, bedding, stockings of all types, furs and leather articles, footwear, leather gloves fashion goods, spare parts for vehicles, detergents and antiques.

The Commodity Exchange Inc. (COMEX) said it was investigating how the rumor started and who spread it. The FBI also said it is investigating but did not give details on the scope of its inquiry.

A COMEX spokesman said Friday the exchange launches an investigation "any time that a false rumor seems to have been so persuasive that it raises questions of whether there might have been fraudulent intent."

COMEX expected its probe to last several days. Spreading a rumor to make a profit is illegal. Officials are expected to examine who profited last Wednesday, but whether they can trace the source of the rumor or determine the reason is doubtful.

Rumors have affected stock, gold and dollar prices with increasing frequency in the past two years. Late last year, financial circles from London to New York were saying that Soviet troops had invaded Poland, forcing gold and dollar prices up.

During the 1980 presidential campaign, stock prices fell and gold jumped on a rumor that Reagan, then the Republican candidate, had died of a heart attack.

A recent rumor that Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi had been assassinated affected the market-place, as have reports of the death of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev. Gold rose to almost \$900 an ounce in January, 1980, on a rumor that the Soviet Union had invaded Iran.

According to Temple University Psychology Professor, Ralph Rosner "the rumor itself is like a commodity. If you have a scarcity of information, then any kind of rumor becomes more valuable."

Wall Street Financial services deregulation seen at hand

BOCA RATON, Florida, Dec. 5 (AP) — Deregulation is coming to Wall Street faster even perhaps than some of the stocks-and-bonds community's most vocal critics of big government might have thought possible.

The financial community has always sung the virtues of the free market. But for half a century, their business has been subject to — and sometimes benefited from — an array of regulations rivaling in scope just about any other industry's in the United States.

Now, however, the administration of President Ronald Reagan is pushing hard for changes in, or outright elimination of, many of those rules and restrictions.

The chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, long one of Washington's most activist regulatory bodies, came to a convention of brokers here this past week with the message: "I believe the industry can regulate itself better than the government can."

A day later the secretary of the treasury told the same group, "I believe we must, together, deregulate financial services by removing artificial barriers between commercial banking and investment banking."

The two officials, John S.R. Slad of the SEC and Donald T. Regan of the treasury, both were Wall Street executives themselves before they took their government jobs. So they were on familiar ground at the gathering of the Securities Industry Association, the Street's largest trade group.

But political ideology aside, the financial world has not always been so ready to applaud deregulation when the principle was being applied in its own back yard.

Wall Street was, for the most part, strongly opposed to one of the first big steps in that

direction. When fixed commission rates on securities transactions were eliminated May 1, 1975, brokers ruefully dubbed the occasion "May Day."

In addition, the industry has waged a protracted battle to keep banks from crossing the line created by the Glass-Steagall Act in 1933 that strictly separated the roles of bankers and brokers.

Only recently has the brokers' position on the subject begun to soften. Last month, the securities industry association cautiously endorsed a proposal to let banks compete with brokers in bringing out new revenue bonds issued by state and local governments.

Regan at the treasury, and others, have sent out strong signals that they see that crack in the Glass-Steagall wall as just a beginning.

When the law was enacted in the depths of the Great Depression of the 1930s, Regan said, it served the useful purpose of helping to restore order to a shaken financial system.

"But the Glass-Steagall Act was designed for a world that no longer exists," he declared in his speech here.

The treasury is pushing for legislation that would give bankers room to set up securities activities — and brokers, conversely, to move into banking — so long as all parties operated under the same rules in each of those enterprises.

The idea is to create what has become the financial cliché of the year — a "level playing field" for any and all institutions that choose to compete in the game.

Some would argue the stock market might not look like such a precious prize to be fighting over, although it ended this past week on an upbeat note amid new signs interest rates would continue declining.

In the waning days of a bear-market year, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials

stood at 892.69, up 6.75 points for the week and its best level in more than three months. But it remained off about 65 points from a year earlier.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index was 73.24, up 0.53 for the week, while at the American Stock Exchange, the market value index fell 0.04 over the week to 330.12.

Big Board Volume averaged 48.98 million shares a day against 47.45 million the week before.

Yet "financial services," the business of serving stock traders and anyone else with money to save and invest, is almost universally being touted these days as a glamor growth industry. There are, after all, new tax laws on the books to stimulate investment and new investment vehicles being developed at a breakneck pace.

Giant companies outside the securities industry — Sears, Roebuck and Co., Prudential Insurance Co., American Express Co. and BankAmerica Inc. to cite the most prominent names — have been engaged since last spring in a scramble to buy up brokerage firms.

EEC slaps on Turkey 16% anti-dumping duty

BRUSSELS, Dec. 5 (R) — The EEC Commission announced the imposition of a 16 percent anti-dumping duty on imports of cotton yarn from Turkey.

The decision Friday followed complaints that Turkish yarn was being sold inside the European Economic Community (EEC) at unfairly low prices, damaging EEC producers. Around 7,000 jobs have been lost in this sector in the past year, and EEC production of cotton yarn has dwindled as a result of competition from foreign imports.

Storm in BL tea cup blows over

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 5 (R) — British Leyland workers who shut the company's biggest car plant for four weeks because their traditional daily tea break was to be shortened to 40 minutes agreed to end their strike on this issue.

The 4,000 assembly line workers at the Longbridge factory voted at a mass meeting to accept an agreement reached by union leaders with the company and restart production Monday.

Struggling state-owned British Leyland (BL) had originally wanted to cut tea break time by 11 minutes a day to 40 minutes to bring Longbridge, in Birmingham, into line with other plants.

But BL has now agreed to a cut of only five minutes in the tea breaks, union spokesmen said.

The company lost production of 24,000 cars worth 100 million sterling (\$190 million), but the strike did not hit sales as demand for new cars is currently low.

A move to end the strike over the heads of union leaders by appealing directly to workers for a return to work backfired Monday when only a few hundred strikers heeded the call.

India, Poland to expand trade

NEW DELHI, Dec. 5 (AP) — India and Poland agreed Friday to expand their bilateral trade to about 2.8 billion rupees (\$314 million) in 1982, an increase of 20 percent over this year.

The 1982 trade protocol, signed by Indian Joint Commerce Secretary Sarkar and Polish Foreign Trade Ministry Director-General Stanislawski, takes note of the "special difficulties being faced by Poland," India's second largest trading partner after the Soviet Union in the Eastern bloc, a government statement said.

India agreed to increase its imports by about 250 million rupees (\$27 million) "to enable the Polish side to generate rupee funds to absorb exports from India." Trade between the two countries is conducted in non-convertible Indian rupees.

According to the protocol, India will buy more of Polish zinc, copper, power station equipment, trawlers, ship engines and equipment, and gas cylinders.

India agreed to a 15 percent increase in trade next year with another important East European country — East Germany. Trade between the two is estimated to total 2.6 billion rupees (\$289 million) in 1982, according to documents signed here.

Sugar glut may keep prices low

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (R) — World sugar prices next year will remain depressed as a result of record world crops and greater competition from maize sweeteners, the U.S. Agriculture Department said Friday.

In a summary of its sugar and sweetener report, the agency predicted that consumers will benefit from low sugar prices between 10 and 14 cents a pound.

The report repeated its earlier estimate that world sugar production this crop year will set all-time high at 95.8 million tons an increase of 10 percent from last year. Nearly half of the increase comes from larger harvests in India, Thailand, Turkey, South Africa, Cuba, Poland and the Soviet Union, all of which had poor crops last year.

World sugar use will rise three to four million tons to 92 million tons in 1982, mainly in response to larger supplies, lower prices and population growth, the report said.

It said the increasing world sugar stocks, high interest rates and greater use of alternative sweeteners, such as maize syrups, will hold down sugar prices next year.

In Havana, Sugar Minister Diocles Torralba said Cuba's current sugar harvest should be the best since the 1959 revolution that brought Fidel Castro to power.

The official daily newspaper *Granma* Friday quoted the minister as telling journalists the crop "should surpass the 1981 harvest in all indices." But no figures were given.

Trade Vice-Minister Amadeo Blanco has said last year's harvest was 8.2 million tons, second only to the record 8.6 million of 1970.

Ford-union talks end in failure

LONDON, Dec. 5 (AP) — Talks on the annual contract at Ford Motor Co. broke down for the second time in two weeks. The unions threatened a strike by the 54,000 hourly paid auto workers early in the new year if the management does not improve its offer of a 7.4 percent pay hike, coupled with demands for greater efficiency.

The 13 unions also want a 39-hour work week brought forward from its promised date of Jan. 1, 1983, and better pensions. The company offer would provide pay rates from 101.37 pounds (\$197.67) a week to 150.77 pounds (\$294).

Paul roots, Ford's industrial relations director, blamed the breakdown on the unions' "unrealistic expectations and their failure to get to grips with our main problems. We must improve efficiency or we go out of business," he said.

The Japanese reckoned to recoup pay increases through increased efficiency and the West Germans got back about half while "we get nothing back, and we said that this is the year when the 'buck stops,'" Roots said.

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On long-term pricing

OPEC parley opens tomorrow

ABU DHABI, Dec. 5 (WAM) — Saudi Arabian Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, chairs a meeting here Monday of OPEC's long-term strategy committee to discuss the impact of the organization's last decision on prices unification.

Al Shaiba Al Hamili, undersecretary at the UAE ministry of petroleum and mineral resources, said the six-nation committee will study "this impact on the international oil markets and the report — especially on prices," which has been under revision since May.

The 13 oil ministers from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, OPEC, agreed at their extraordinary meeting in

Geneva Oct. 29 to reunify the base price for Arabian light crude at \$34 per barrel and approved a set of differentials to be added according to quality and proximity of the crude to international oil markets.

The ministers also agreed that these differentials should not exceed four dollars per barrel for top quality north African crudes, but according to Western industry specialists, some North African countries are finding it difficult to sell their crudes at \$38 per barrel, while one of them, Nigeria, is selling at \$36.50 per barrel.

The Nigerians, in their bid to encourage their clients to resume lifting oil have said they wanted to compete with the Arabian

light and according to latest figures, Nigeria's total production during last month reached 1.25 barrels per day compared with less than 500,000 barrels per day in August.

According to OPEC's last decision, the ministers have agreed to increase the gap of differentials between the light and heavy crudes and decided to set a range of one to \$2.5 per barrel less for Arabian medium and heavy crudes respectively.

According to OPEC sources, the ministers wanted to test this set of differentials in the market which is presently experiencing one of its best periods of stability since the revolution in Iran in February, 1979.

The decision by Saudi Arabia, which is by far the world's largest oil exporter, to cut down its production by two million barrels per day in August and October conferences respectively, compelled by the agreement of the member-states to lower the official base price from \$36 to \$34 per barrel were seen as the two major factors behind achieving this stability.

According to Arab and foreign oil experts, however, the ministers are likely to ask for some more time until the markets are stable enough to agree on a unified pricing structure.

Achieving such a structure is one of the main aims of the long-term strategy committee of OPEC and the ministers are expected to discuss the general broadlines of its report at their Abu Dhabi ordinary meeting Wednesday.

Al Shaiba Al Hamili said, he hoped the ministers would agree on these "broadlines" before endorsing the report altogether.

The report calls, among other things, for indexing oil prices according to the rates of inflation and rates of growth in the industrialized countries, as well as the fluctuation of the U.S. dollar which is the main pricing currency for OPEC.

It also organizes the relationship between OPEC's 13 member-states and both the developing and the industrialized countries.

According to OPEC's protocol, the ordinary session of the organization ministerial council, is expected to be chaired by United Arab Emirates minister of petroleum and mineral resources, Dr. Mansour Saeed Al Otaiba, who is replacing Dr. Subroto who has been president since the conference held in Bali, Indonesia, last December. The conference will also discuss other financial and administrative-related issues of interest to OPEC.

Kuwait hints at reducing price of oil

KUWAIT, Dec. 5 (R) — Kuwait Oil Minister Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah said Saturday his country might cut its oil price to compete in the world market, but it would not give in to pressure from oil companies to do so.

Kuwait cut its price to \$33 a barrel from \$35.50 under an Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) price unification agreement in Geneva Oct. 29. But its major customers argue that its oil, relatively heavy, high-sulphur crude, is still too expensive in relation to other OPEC crudes. Gulf oil analysts said these customers were seeking a cut to \$32 or \$32.50 a barrel.

Sheikh Ali Khalifa told parliament: "The government has never and will never cut prices and will never surrender to any pressure by some companies for any reason whatsoever." But in future, prices could be reduced in the light of competitive oil policy," he added. He did not elaborate. Kuwait's crude oil customers include Shell Oil, British Petroleum, Gulf Oil Corporation and a number of Japanese companies.

The analysts said Sheikh Ali Khalifa's remarks could be setting the scene for a cut in the differential for Kuwait crude. Kuwait has recently had difficulty in selling its crude at the present price. The analysts said production had possibly fallen to below 800,000 barrels per day (bpd) from the official ceiling of 1.25 million bpd.

E.Germany cuts petrol supply 10%

EAST BERLIN, Dec. 5 (R) — The East German government has cut petrol supplies to industry for use in vehicles by an average 10 percent.

The measure took effect at the start of the month and was announced as reports circulating among foreign diplomats suggested that the Soviet Union might cut oil supplies to East Germany in 1982 to 17 million tons from 19 million this year.

The official *Legal Gazette* available Friday published a complete new list of petrol consumption norms, the basis for supplies to all state industrial users. The figures were six to 2-percent below the previous norms laid down in 1978 and 1980.

Financial Roundup

Dollar maintains strength

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 5 — The American currency closed at a fairly strong level in New York Friday night despite some easing in dollar interest rates. However, the one percent fall in the U.S. discount rate (from 13 to 12 percent) was matched by European interest cuts which left the dollar basically unchanged.

Gold prices continued to stabilize over the \$420 levels, with the Friday New York closing rate being \$422.20 per ounce. On the local markets, Saturday saw a dull and thin trading day with rial interest rates hardly moving from opening levels.

The money markets in Europe and New York witnessed what seemed to be a coordinated interest rate cut move by the major central banks. British, German, Swiss and American prime rates and discount rates were cut Thursday, ending weeks old speculation on these currencies.

The British pound slipped back to close at 1.9370 levels, while the mark closed at 2.2260 down slightly from Thursday Eurodollar levels of 2.2200. The French franc was also weak at 5.6210 levels while the Swiss franc closed at 1.7950, losing another 100 points to the dollar. Even the news that the United States unemployment rate stood at 8.4 percent for the month of November — the highest level in six years — did not stop the dollar from rallying.

and concluded that the Japanese were next in line to cut back on their interest rates. The yen closed at levels of 216.40, slipping back from 215/216 levels of Wednesday. Meanwhile, with Eurodollar deposit rates still at 13 5/16-13 7/16 for the one-year and 12 5/16 — 12 7/16 for the three-month period, the American currency maintained its exchange positions against the other major currencies.

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On the local exchanges, dealers reported few transactions being carried out with spot rial/dollar rates being quoted at a cautious 3.4180-90, but with few deals struck. The Bahrain market left early by midday and with few players in the market, local dealers decided to call it also a day. On the local money market, rial deposit rates were unchanged from morning opening rates which took the one-month rate to 5 1/2 — 6 percent and the one year to 11 1/2 — 12 percent. The overnight funds were quoted at 3 — 4 percent but some were dealt at 2 percent.

Alien bank bid ruffles Scottish pride

LONDON, Dec. 5 (R) — A powerful Hong Kong bank has ruffled Scottish pride, the said Bank of England and a divided London Banking community by pursuing a billion-dollar bid for one of Britain's biggest banks.

The monopolies commission is expected to rule shortly perhaps by the end of the month, on the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank's proposal to acquire the Royal Bank of Scotland, which is Scotland's largest and the fifth biggest in Britain.

The proposed takeover, opposed by the Royal Bank which favors a rival offer from the Standard Chartered Bank, is being closely watched here and abroad, where the success or failure of the bid may influence the future of the European banking world.

If the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank wins, the way could be opened for takeovers of top-ranked British banks by American or other foreign bankers eager to reap some of the profits that go with domestic banking in Britain.

Bankers here say the Bank of England,

which for centuries has regulated the clubby world of British banking in a discreet, gentlemanly way and has seen London become a leading international banking center, is unhappy at the prospect of an unprecedented foreign presence in domestic banking.

Michael Sandberg, the 54-year-old expatriate Briton who is masterminding the Hong Kong Bank's rapid global expansion, has taken pains in newspaper advertisements and elsewhere to try to persuade the opposition that his bank is a British bank based overseas and eager to play by the rules of the mother country.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 P.M. Saturday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.00	—	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	291.50
Canadian Dollar	153.80	153.65	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	140.75	140.60	—
Dutch Guilder (100)	3.64	4.13	—
Egyptian Pound	93.00	93.15	—
Emirates Dirham (100)	61.10	60.90	—
French Franc (100)	56.00	61.65	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	37.45	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	—
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	28.90	28.80	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	10.17	15.85	—
Jordanian Dinar	12.21	10.11	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	74.40	74.20	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	60.40	64.80	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	34.68	—
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	42.50	—
Philippine Peso (100)	6.67	6.64	—
Pound Sterling	94.00	94.05	—
Qatari Ryal (100)	—	167.45	—
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	36.05	—
Sri Lanka Rupee (1,000)	191.75	191.50	—
Swiss Franc (100)	58.40	63.50	—
Syrian Lira (100)	—	—	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.29	3.25	—
U.S. Dollar	75.00	74.90	—
Yemeni Ryal (100)	—	—	—

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Texaco discounts accord

RIYADH, Dec. 5 — OPEC will not reach any agreement on a long-term pricing strategy at the Abu Dhabi meeting of oil ministers this week, Texaco's chief economist predicted Saturday.

"It would be extremely difficult under the present circumstances and those prevailing over the next two years for OPEC to reach an agreement on a rigid formula," Dr. Meloe told Arab News.

Meloe said that OPEC might achieve a "general agreement recognizing the reality of the market," but added that this essentially happened already at the special Geneva meeting when OPEC agreed to make \$34 the new price for Arab light, OPEC's marker crude oil.

In Abu Dhabi, the OPEC members will probably revise downward some differentials which are still too high. Meloe noted that some of the differentials, though, may be too low once crude oil demand increases by mid-1982. He believes that Nigerian light, at \$2.50 above Arab light, will be found to be underpriced.

Meloe was scheduled to lecture on Texaco's energy forecast at the University of Petroleum and Minerals on Sunday and at King AbdulAziz University on Monday.

Texaco's energy forecast is more pessimistic about OPEC's future than Chevron's energy forecast, summarized in this week's issue of *Saudi Business*. While Chevron foresees an overall real increase in the price of crude oil of 3 percent annually during the next two decades, Texaco believes that the price of crude oil will continue to decline through the mid-1980s. Late in the decade oil will appreciate at 1 percent annually in real terms, rising to 2 percent annually in the 1990s.

On the other hand, Texaco foresees OPEC producing 30 million barrels per day by 1990 and 33.8 million bpd by 2000, while Chevron predicts OPEC output holding steady at 24 to 26 million bpd for the next 20 years.

Texaco also noted that if there were real increase in prices, demand for OPEC oil would soar to 45 million bpd by 2000. If prices rose 4 percent annually however, demand would remain at the present 21-22 million bpd level.

Last month, OPEC produced 20.7 million bpd, Meloe said, adding that the group has produced less this year. But the average for 1981 will be 23 million bpd, and 24 million bpd in 1982, he predicted.

Mugabe acts to cut black-white gap

SALISBURY, Dec. 5 (AFP) — Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Robert Mugabe has announced a series of major economic measures, including significant boosts in minimum wages, in an attempt to cut the huge disparity between the salaries of white and black workers in the country.

At present, Zimbabwe's black workers earn on average 39 times less than white workers. To reduce that gap, Mugabe announced this week that minimum wages for more than half the country's work force would be increased by 23.6 to 66 percent.

The rapid wage rise "represents a step in the right direction in the government's determination to narrow the wage gap,"

Mugabe said. The government would "also address itself to ensuring the general improvement of working and social conditions," he said.

Mugabe, at the same time, said that his government would continue to work toward improving housing, pension schemes, transport and education. The announcements, which amount to a major economic policy statement, indicate he intends gradually to restructure the economy from one built on cheap labor and squalid living conditions for 90 percent of the people to an economy based on a more equitable sharing of the country's impressive industrial base and natural resources.

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Qara Rural Complex in Jof	Sale of a 50 x 50 square meter fuel station in Khoaa/Jof in a public auction	—	200	26.11.81
Al-Qaryat Governorate	Construction of a fence around the residence of the governor	190	50	18.11.81
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Celtics oust 76ers in thrilling NBA tie

BOSTON, Massachusetts, Dec. 5 (AP) — For a red-hot rivalry, it's hard to beat the Boston Celtics and Philadelphia 76ers. "There always are a lot of spurts by both teams and you need the big plays to win," says Boston coach Bill Fitch.

The Celtics got the last spurt midway through the fourth period and went on to a 111-103 victory over the 76ers Friday night in their first showdown since their dramatic playoff last spring.

"The two teams are such great ballclubs that the team with the lead can never relax," said Philadelphia coach Billy Cunningham. "At any point, the other team is going to fight back."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Indiana 105, Detroit 98, San Antonio 127, Portland 111; Milwaukee 97, Atlanta 80; Kansas City 112, Seattle 109; Los Angeles 126, Denver 117 and Chicago 105, Utah 101.

In the first half, the Celtics rolled to a 63-50 lead as Larry Bird scored 19 of his 24 points and Chris Ford hit three three-point shots. Boston added another two points at the outset of the second half, but Philadelphia fought back.

The 76ers closed to within one point, but couldn't get the lead. Finally, Kevin McHale, a reserve forward, and Tiny Archibald triggered a decisive spurt that boosted Boston's record to 15-3, just ahead of Philadelphia's 14-3. Archibald scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half.

Bird was handcuffed in the second half, virtually the same as Philadelphia's "Dr. J.", Julius Erving, who got off only 17 shots, finishing with 18 points.

The two teams, which split six games during the regular season before Boston won three straight by a total of five points for a 4-3 victory in the playoffs, have five more to go in the 1981-82 campaign. And it's almost a sure bet they'll be around for the playoffs next spring.

PACERS 105, PISTONS 98: Herb Williams made his first eight shots and was 10 for 12 for the game in scoring a season-high 21 points as Indiana defeated Detroit. Williams also topped Indiana in rebounds with nine.

The Pacers lost starting guard Johnny Davis with a hip pointer in the first half and Billy Knight came off the bench to score 20 points for Indiana. Rookie Kelly Tripucka led Detroit with 21 points as the Pistons suffered their fifth straight loss. Pistons' center Kent Benson was the game's leading rebounder with 16.

SPURS 127, Trail Blazers 111: George Gervin scored 45 points to lead San Antonio over Portland in a contest between division leaders. Son Brewer added 25 points and three other Spurs hit in double figures as the Midwest Division leaders improved their record to 13-5.

Mychal Thompson led the Trail Blazers, the Pacific Division leaders, with 25 points and Calvin Natt contributed 20.

BUCKS 97, HAWKS 88:

Junior Bridgeman and Sidney Moncrief scored 19 points apiece, leading Milwaukee over cold-shooting Atlanta. Bridgeman entered the game with 2:52 left in the first quarter and the score tied at 18. He sank seven of his first nine shots to propel the Bucks to a 48-34 lead.

Milwaukee led 54-41 at halftime and then held a runaway 87-42 lead late in third quarter as Atlanta sank only seven of 27 shots in the period.

KINGS 112, SONICS 109: Steve Johnson hit a hook shot with 1:16 left to boost Kansas City over Seattle. Johnson's basket culminated a comeback that saw the Kings battle back from an 11-point deficit late in the third quarter.

Seattle center Jack Sikma missed with a jumper with 52 seconds left on the clock. The SuperSonics missed three shots in the final minute, including a jumper by Gus Williams with six seconds left and a three-point attempt by Fred Brown at the buzzer.

LAKERS 126, NUGGETS 117: Norm Nixon scored 17 of his 25 points in the second half and sparked a 16-4 surge in the middle of the fourth quarter that carried Los Angeles over Denver. The Nuggets had outscored the Lakers 12-1 behind a sensational shooting effort by reserve forward Glen Gondeczick to pull ahead 104-101 with nine minutes left before the Lakers rallied.



Wasim Raja, chief wrecker

Pakistan grabs sensational victory

Windies lose last seven wickets for just 47 runs

ADELAIDE, Australia, Dec. 5 (AP) — Pakistan beat the West Indies by eight runs in a thrilling Benson and Hedges World Series Cup match at the Adelaide Oval here Saturday.

Chasing Pakistan's first innings of 140, the West Indies were all out for 132 when the last seven wickets fell for only 47 runs. The chief destroyer for Pakistan was leg-spinner Wasim Raja, who took four for 25 from seven overs. He made the main breakthrough when he took three for eight in 3.5 overs.

At one stage the West Indies were cruising at 85 for three when the crash came following the dismissal of Clive Lloyd. From this point the West Indies batting, with the exception of Malcolm Marshall, fell in a heap against the bowling of Raja and later Imran Khan. Raja was named man of the match.

Pakistan captain Javed Miandad called on Raja in the 26th over when the West Indies total was 85 for four. The Pakistan skipper

said: "If you have to have a chance of winning you must take risks. I have used Raja before in these circumstances. He is accurate and persistent and this time he came off."

Miandad said after Pakistan's poor start that he was looking at between 60 and 80 runs for the innings. "But then Zaheer came to the rescue," Miandad added. But in addition off-spinner Ejaz Faqih had chipped in with a solid 20 and Sarfraz Nawaz made an unbeaten 34 to boost the total to 140.

The West Indies start was even worse than that of Pakistan when they lost Gordon Greenidge and Vivian Richards for only 19 runs. Greenidge was bowled by Sarfraz and Richards caught on the leg side glancing. There was only token resistance before Desmond Haynes was caught at the wicket in attempting a pull shot leaving the West Indies 38 for three.

Then came the first indications of a rescue

operation when Bacchus and Lloyd put on 47 runs before Lloyd, who had thrown all caution to the wind, was well caught by Tahir Naqash at deep backward leg for 28.

Only three runs later, Dujon was bowled by Raja without scoring after which Bacchus, who had batted for 107 minutes (two fours) for his 37 runs, charged down the wicket to Raja and was bowled.

One run later David Murray was out lbw also for a duck leaving the West Indies 107 for seven. Malcolm Marshall and Andy Roberts added a further 13 runs but both batsmen were out with the score at 120 leaving the West Indies 20 runs short with only one wicket in hand.

Excitement grew intense as Joel Garner and Holding quickly cut down the deficit but the return of Imran Khan, who had earlier bowled Roberts, spelt the end of the West Indies. Imran had Holding caught by Raja at mid-off for eight and the match was over.

Pakistan batsmen		West Indies batsmen	
Mudassar Nazar c Greenidge b Holding	11	G. Greenidge b Sarfraz	4
Mohsin Khan run out	11	D. Haynes c Ashraf b Sarfraz	7
Zaheer Abbas c Murray b Roberts	46	V. Richards c Ashraf b Sarfraz	9
Javed Miandad lb Marshall	1	F. Roach b Raja	37
Wasim Raja b Garner	1	C. Lloyd c Tahir b Ejaz	28
Imran Khan c Murray b Marshall	1	J. Dujon b Raja	0
Ejaz Faqih c Lloyd b Holding	20	M. Marshall b Raja	20
Ashraf Ali c Bacchus b Richards	3	D. Murray lb Raja	0
Sarfraz Nawaz not out	34	A. Roberts b Imran	8
Tahir Naqash run out	1	J. Garner not out	1
Sikander Bakht run out	1	Extras	14
Extras	8	Total	132
Total	140		

Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-27, 3-31, 4-34, 5-35, 6-43, 7-68, 8-125, 9-127.

Bowling: Roberts 10-3-19-1; Holding 10-1-28-2; Garner 10-3-32-1; Marshall 9-0-18-2; Richards 10-1-35-1.

Wendy makes Chris sweat

MELBOURNE, Australia Dec 5 (AP) — Reigning Wimbledon champion Chris Evert Lloyd beat Queenslander Wendy Turnbull 6-4, 7-6 at Kooyong here Saturday to reach the final of the \$200,000 Toyota Australian Women's Open.

Although the top-seeded American won in two sets, Turnbull never gave up and at times had Evert Lloyd under surrendering the advantage to her higher-ranked opponent.

After a great opening in the first set she lost five games straight, but fought back with some brilliant volleying before losing the set 6-4.

In the second set Turnbull took the match right up to Evert Lloyd before eventually losing the match in a tie-breaker. After leading 1-0 she slipped back dramatically to be down 1-6 and then on her service allowed Evert-Lloyd in for a 7-1 win.

Evert Lloyd meets Martina Navratilova who beat American Pam Shriver 6-3, 7-5 in the other semifinal.

Antuofermo decides to quit

NEW YORK Dec. 5 (AP) — Former world middleweight champion Vito Antuofermo will announce his retirement from the ring on Monday, according to the New York Daily News.

The News reported in its Saturday's edition that Antuofermo will leave the ring to broaden his duties with the Coca Cola Co., where he has been working for two years.

Antuofermo outpointed Hugo Corro in June 1979 to win the middleweight title. He retained it as a 4-1 underdog in December 1979, when he drew with Marvin Hagler. But last June 13, Antuofermo was stopped in five rounds by Hagler, the current middleweight champion. Antuofermo's pro record is 46-6-2, with 19 knockouts.

Meanwhile, former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali vowed that he will be in shape for his scheduled Dec. 11 fight against Trevor Berbick and denied rumors that financial problems threatened the so-called "Drama in Bahama" at Queen Elizabeth Sports Center in Nassau.

"For years, people have been telling me what I can do and what I can't do," the 38-year-old Ali said "and I always proved them



Vito Antuofermo, after being battered by Marvin Hagler

New rule can aid Stenmark

SARAJEVO, Yugoslavia, Dec. 5 (AFP) — Sweden's double Olympic and World champion Ingemar Stenmark could compete in the 1984 Sarajevo Winter Olympics.

The 25-year-old Swede apparently turned his back on the Olympics when he became what the International Ski Federation (IIF) call a "B licence" competitor after the Lake Placid Games.

This means he can accept money directly from sponsors and not through his national federation as other skiers do. However, the relaxation of the Olympic eligibility rules means Stenmark could be allowed to compete here.

"If his federation requalifies him then there is little reason for us to oppose them",

IOC chief to act as mediator

SARAJEVO, Yugoslavia, Dec. 5 (AP) — Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) plans to visit North and South Korea next April to try to ensure a full entry in the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul.

He was asked at a news conference about rumors that the Communist regime in North Korea will boycott the Games in the South. "We do not like the word boycott," Samaranch said. "As far as I am concerned it went out of use in the Olympics after Moscow last year." He added: "I rest assured that Seoul is confident that all nations and Olympic Committees will take part in the Games."

Samaranch added that no country can be compelled to compete in the Olympics. His predecessor, Lord Killanin, repeatedly said the same thing last year when the U.S.-led boycott of Moscow was building up following Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

But Samaranch said Olympic rule now call for sanctions against any National Olympic Committee, which accepts an invitation to

International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch said here Friday.

At the Baden Baden Congress two months ago the IOC declared that an athlete must not suffer nor be placed at social or material disadvantage as a result of his preparation for the games and international sport.

This would allow him to requalify as an amateur. The Federations have to adapt their own eligibility rules which the IOC will accept as bylaws to their own rule 26 by the end of next year.

The crux is the astute of the term "B licence" as the Olympic charter precludes any athlete who has been named a professional by its own federation.

compete in the Games and then withdraws. The IOC executive board had three days of talks with the International Winter Sports Federation in Sarajevo, where the Winter Games are to be held in 1984.

Samaranch announced that Sarajevo will borrow one idea from Lake Placid, N.Y., for the Winter Games in 1984. The medal ceremonies will take place in the evening in the center of the city. At last year's Winter Games, Lake Placid staged the presentation ceremonies on the frozen lake, with fireworks display.

"It will be an added attraction at the Games, and it will be free and open to all," Samaranch said. The IOC president added he is pleased with Sarajevo's planning for 1984, and was worried only about air transport to the city. The local airport is frequently closed by bad weather.

"The organizing committee has said a standby airport will be made available in case planes are unable to land at Sarajevo," Samaranch said.

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Armstrong nets late winner for Southampton

United beaten, but keeps ahead

LONDON, Dec. 5 (R) — Manchester United retained their lead at the top of the English First Division Soccer Championship on goal difference despite being beaten 3-2 at Southampton Saturday.

United looked anything but potential champions and Ipswich, although still struggling to rediscover last season's sparkle, moved up menacingly with a 1-0 win at Middlesbrough. Ipswich's win left them level with United on 32 points but they have two games in hand over the current leaders.

United took a 26th minute lead through Irish international Frank Stapleton but goal from Steve Moran and England captain Kevin Keegan earned Southampton a 2-1 advantage at the interval.

Bryan Robson, Britain's costliest footballer, looked to have earned United a valuable point when he equalized in the 52nd minute but Southampton were not finished and Dave Armstrong hit a last-minute winner.

Ipswich owed their narrow success to teenage South African Micb D'Avray. The reserve striker made the most of one of his rare first team outings with an opportunistic 26th minute goal.

Armstrong's dramatic winner lifted Southampton into third place above Swansea on 30 points. Swansea, the early season pace-setters, went down 3-1 at Everton.

Everton are not among the league's most



Kevin Keegan, on the move

prolific scorers but they rammed three goals past Welsh international goalkeeper Davies inside an hour.

Graeme Sharp headed them in front shortly after the interval and Irish winger Eamon O'Keefe increased their lead with two goals in the space of four minutes. Swansea's former England striker Bob Latchford derived a measure of personal satisfaction by scoring against his old club in the 78th minute, but it was too little, too late.

Tottenham, who started the day fourth,

slipped one place when they were surprisingly beaten 2-1 at home by struggling Coventry. Not for the first time this season, it was Tottenham's defence which let them down after Mike Hazard had shot them in front in the 21st minute.

Coventry equalized in the 40th minute when Tottenham's England international goalkeeper Ray Clemence failed to hold a header from Steve Hunt. Clemence's defensive colleagues were badly at fault, two minutes later when Gary Gillespie was left totally unchallenged to head home a long cross from Steve Jacobs.

The game deteriorated into a brawl after that and five players were cautioned — Tottenham's Steve Perryman, Paul Miller and Garth Crooks, and Coventry's Hunt and Mark Hateley.

European Cup holders Liverpool appear to be running into from at the right time. A 2-0 away victory against former champions Nottingham Forest hoisted them into the top half of the table and they are now just eight points off the pace — not such a daunting deficit this season with a win worth three points.

Irish international Mark Lawrenson put Liverpool ahead in the 57th minute and midfielder Ray Kennedy, sent off in the midweek League Cup tie at Arsenal, redeemed himself by adding the second two minutes later.

English Soccer results

English Division One			
Birmingham City	2	Nottingham Forest	1
Brighton	2	Sunderland	1
Everton	3	Swansea City	1
Manchester City	1	Aston Villa	0
Middlesbrough	0	Ipswich	1
Nottingham Forest	0	Liverpool	2
Southampton	3	Manchester United	2
Sheff City	1	Leeds United	2
Tottenham	1	Coventry City	2
West Bromwich	3	Wolverhampton	0
West Ham	1	Arsenal	2
Division Two			
Barnsley	2	Crystal Palace	0
Bolton	1	Q.P. Rangers	0
Cambridge	2	Wrexham	3
Chelsea	2	Sheffield Wednesday	1
Newcastle United	0	Blackburn Rovers	0
Norwich City	0	Leicester City	0
Division Three			
Oldham Athletic	3	Grimsby Town	1
Rotherham United	1	Orient	0
Shrewsbury	2	Luton Town	2
Watford	2	Charlton Athletic	2
Division Four			
Bristol Rovers	1	Fulham	2
Bury	2	Oxford	1
Chesham	1	Southend	1
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Division Five			
Bradford City	2	Peterborough	0
Scottish Premier Division			
Aberdeen	2	Rangers	2
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Dundee United	1	Hibernian	0
Morton	2	Aberdeen	1
St. Mirren	2	Ferriock Thistle	1

Manager, captain at loggerheads

Trouble brews in Austria's World Cup team

VIENNA, Dec. 5 (R) — Austria have qualified for the 1982 World Cup finals, but clouds of discontent loom over their troubled camp and threaten to dash their hopes of glory in Spain.

Manager Karl Stotz appears to be at odds with the Football Association president, and Hans Krankl, team captain and star player, who does not want to be captain and refuses to join the side for winter training.

Austrian F.A. president Karl Sekanina has criticized both manager and players. "This team does not have the spirit or cohesion of its predecessors," he said. Before the side left for their final qualifying tie against Bulgaria, Sekanina said: "If we lose, my patience with (the manager) will be at an end." After holding Bulgaria to a 0-0 draw, virtually assuring Austria a place in the finals, Sekanina said: "I take back some of my criticisms, but there is still a lot to be done before we go to Spain."

After an impressive start in Group One the Austrians had to depend on West Germany to assure them of a berth in Spain with a 4-0 win over Bulgaria. Although Stotz tried more than 30 players in the qualifying matches, only a few played in every match. Stotz appears to have difficulty communicating with his players and has promised more changes in the squad. It will be difficult, however, to oust the goal-bungry Krankl.

The Rapid Vienna star, formerly with Barcelona, has said he no longer wants to wear the captain's band and does not intend

returning to Spain for winter training. Krankl said the visit would not help his form, but there are suggestions that he was unhappy at being substituted after a poor performance in the first half against Bulgaria.

He also said he was considering retiring from international football after the 1982 finals, but at least half the team are said to have the same plans. Krankl, capped 59

Italy struggles

NAPLES, Italy, Dec. 5 (R) — Italy, lacking ideas and spirit, in equal measure, beat Luxembourg 1-0 Saturday in a World Soccer Cup European Group Five qualifying match that was a triumph for the losers.

The Italians, already through to the finals in Spain with group winners Yugoslavia, got the early breakthrough demanded by manager Enzo Bearzot, but skilful defense, good goalkeeping and a toothless home attack prevented any more goals.

Central defender Fulvio Collovati soared above his marker to head home after six minutes but Luxembourg keeper Jeanpot Moes later made several fine saves.

times, is a prolific scorer and won the "Golden Boot" in 1978 as Europe's top scorer. With Herbert Prohaska, he was one of

Austria's outstanding performers in the 1978 finals in Argentina.

Manager Stotz reacted to the refusal of the Austrian idol to go into training by saying: "Either he comes along or out he goes." Five of the side that played Bulgaria, including Krankl, are with foreign teams, and it is doubtful whether they would be allowed by their clubs to take part in the winter training.

They have qualified for the World Cup for the second successive time, however, the Austrians will have to iron out their problems fast if they want to get beyond the opening stage.

El Salvador, who have also reached the 1982 World Soccer Cup finals, qualified against a background of violence. Two members of the squad have been killed during the civil war which has claimed the lives of over 26,000 people in the past two years.

But the authorities say most members of the squad seem unaffected by the political situation and go about their usual activities without any protection. Apart from the deaths of Ismael Diaz and Ninon Osorio, soccer officials stress there has been no ill-will shown toward individual players or the team. They say this may be due to the fact that "Soccer is ingrained in the Salvadoran people's soul."

El Salvador's emergence from the CONCACAF Group with Honduras was at the expense of more fancied Mexico and Canada.

Aussies go down fighting

CARDIFF, Wales, Dec. 5 (AP) — Wales rallied to score a dramatic 18-13 over Australia in a Rugby Union International at Cardiff Arms Park Saturday.

Australia led 7-6 at half-time through a penalty by Paul McLean and try by Andy Slack against two penalties by Gwyn Evans. A try by Mitchell Cox, converted by McLean, gave the Australians 13-6 lead four minutes after the interval, but Wales stormed back to win.

Richard Moriarty scored a try in the 49th minute, converted by Evans, and a 70th minute drop kick from new captain Gareth Davies put the home team in front. Evans kicked a late penalty to increase Wales' winning margin.

Wales retained its record of having been beaten only once at home since 1968. The victory was Wales' seventh in 10 meetings with Australia.

The match was one of the most exciting internationals played at Cardiff Arms Park for years. Gwyn Evans kicked his first penalty after 10 minutes when the Australians were punished for an infringement at a ruck.

Seven minutes later the tourists were level. Paul McLean made an awkward 40-meter kick look simple after a penalty was awarded for Moriarty's late challenge on Roger Gould.

Gooch slams unbeaten ton

HYDERABAD, India, Dec. 5 (AP) — India's South Zone was 117 for three wickets at stumps Saturday after an England XI declared its first innings closed at 186 for no loss on the second day on the three-day match in this Southern Indian city. Earlier Saturday, South Zone declared its first innings at the overnight score of 247 for nine wickets.

Opener Graham Gooch, who had been out of form so far in the current series, hit an unbeaten century. Geoff Boycott, displaying his defensive batting technique, was not out with 55 runs.

Gooch's 119 runs came 219 minutes and included 18 elegant hits to the boundary. Boycott had three fours and a five, which was gifted by an overthrow, in his industrious knock.

The two batsmen hammered all the South Zone bowlers, including Test discard Roger

Wales continued to have more of the ball but McLean missed two penalties and Gould a drop kick attempt as the Australians looked dangerous when they did attack.

Five minutes before the interval Slack scored the first try of the match. He hoisted a kick high to the Welsh posts where Terry Holmes fumbled when tackled by Brendan Moon. The ball bounced over the Welsh line and Slack, quickly forward, pounced on it.

McLean missed the conversion and Wales, fielding three new caps, quickly hit back. Pat Daniels and Evans both were stopped just short of the line before Evans fired an injury time penalty to reduce the deficit to one point.

It was the powerful no. 8 Mark Loane who set up the second Australian try four minutes into the second half. Loane picked up the ball at the back of the scrum and could have scored for himself but elected to send over right wing Mitchell Cox. Cox, watched by his entire family, made no mistake and celebrated his debut with a try.

McLean neatly converted but the inexperienced Welsh team took over, showing tremendous fighting spirit. Two minutes after Cox's try, Moriarty celebrated his debut by powering over after good work by Clive Rees. Evans was successful with his kick.

Bimby. However, Shival Yadav, India's 12th man in the first Test at Bombay, bowled well, varying his flight and spin on a wicket that gave no help to the bowlers.

At the lunch break, England was on 116. Gooch and Boycott played more aggressively in the second session and England declared its innings closed shortly before tea after racing to 186.

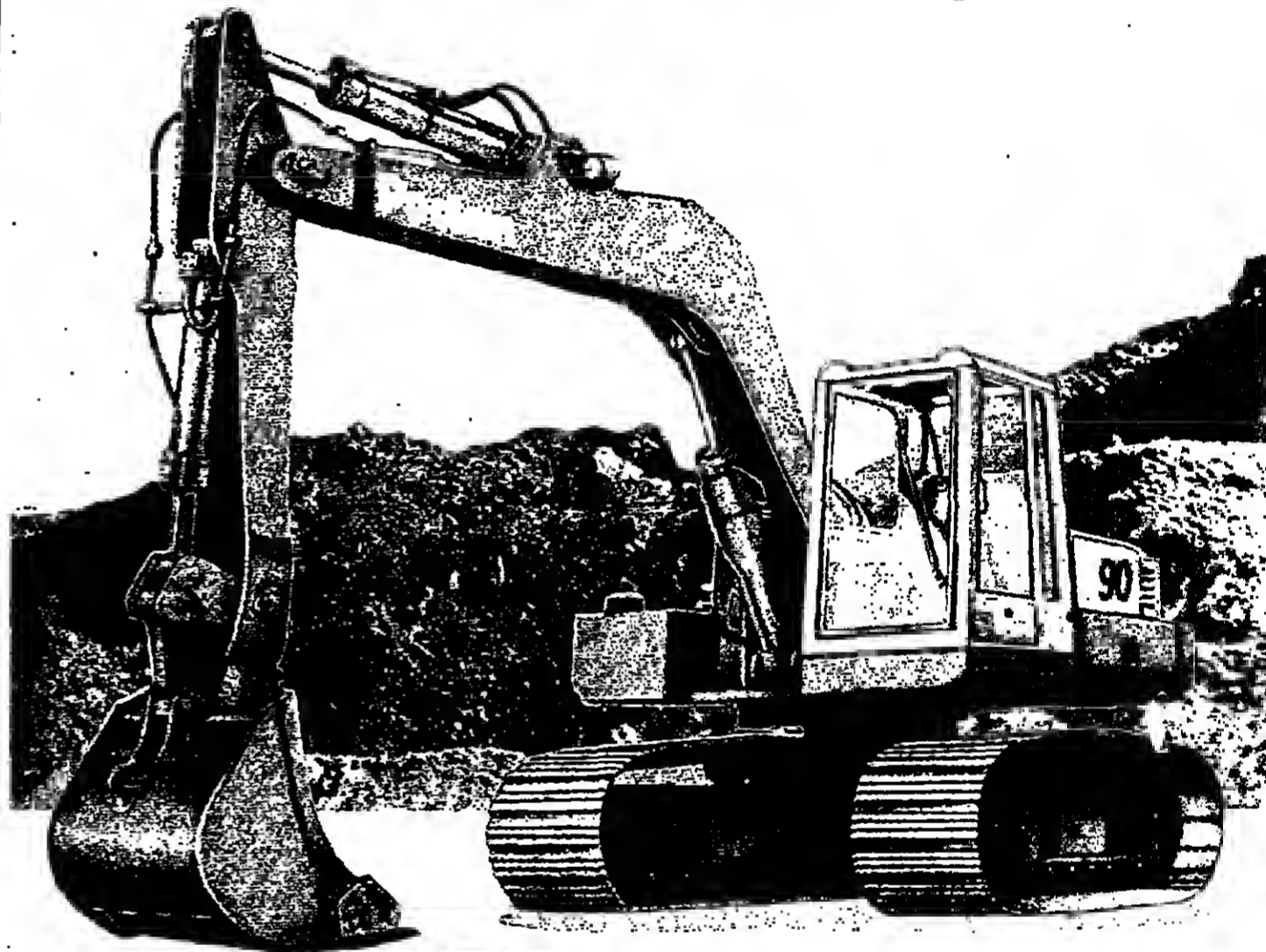
Indian Test opener Kirshnamachari Srikant and V. Sivaramakrishnan opened South Zone's second innings. The 21-year-old Srikant edged a ball from fast bowler Bob Willis into the hands of Paul Allot when he made 31 quick runs. Sivaramakrishnan was caught off John Emburey for 30 and all-rounder Narasimha Rao was leg-before-wicket for 12 runs. At stumps, Vijay Mohan Raj was batting with 35 runs and skipper Brijesh Patel with five.



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Shearer takes winning lead

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Dec. 5 (AFP) — Big hitting Australian Bob Shearer has a virtually unbeaten lead going into the final round of New Zealand's richest golf tournament, the \$100,000 Air New Zealand Shell Open.

The 33-year-old Victorian is 14 under par and 10 strokes clear of his nearest rival after three rounds of the Open at the Titirangi Course in Auckland. He has led from the start with opening rounds of 63, 66 and Saturday he shot a 67 for a 54 hole total of 196.

American Bobby Heins and Chris Tickner share second place on 206, four under par. The pre-tournament favorite, American Bill Rogers, winner of both the British and Australian Opens this year, has struggled to stay in touch with rounds of 72, 67 and 71. He is all square and is well out of contention.

Other leading scores going into Sunday's final round are: Bob Charles (New Zealand), Graham Marsh (Australia), Steven Bann (Australia), John Lister (New Zealand), Mike Cahill (Australia), Billy Dunk (Australia).

World Cup Skiing put off by a day

VAL D'ISERE, France, Dec. 5 (AFP) — Thick mist which led to a one-day postponement of the Downhill scheduled to open the men's World Cup Alpine Skiing here Saturday has led to further changes in the programs.

The men's Giant Slalom which was scheduled for Sunday, has been put back to Monday and the women's Downhills planned for Monday and Tuesday go back one day to Tuesday and Wednesday. This is the second setback to hit this season-opener.

Lack of snow here earlier this week led to the cancellation of the Downhill on December 2 which should have opened the women's competition.

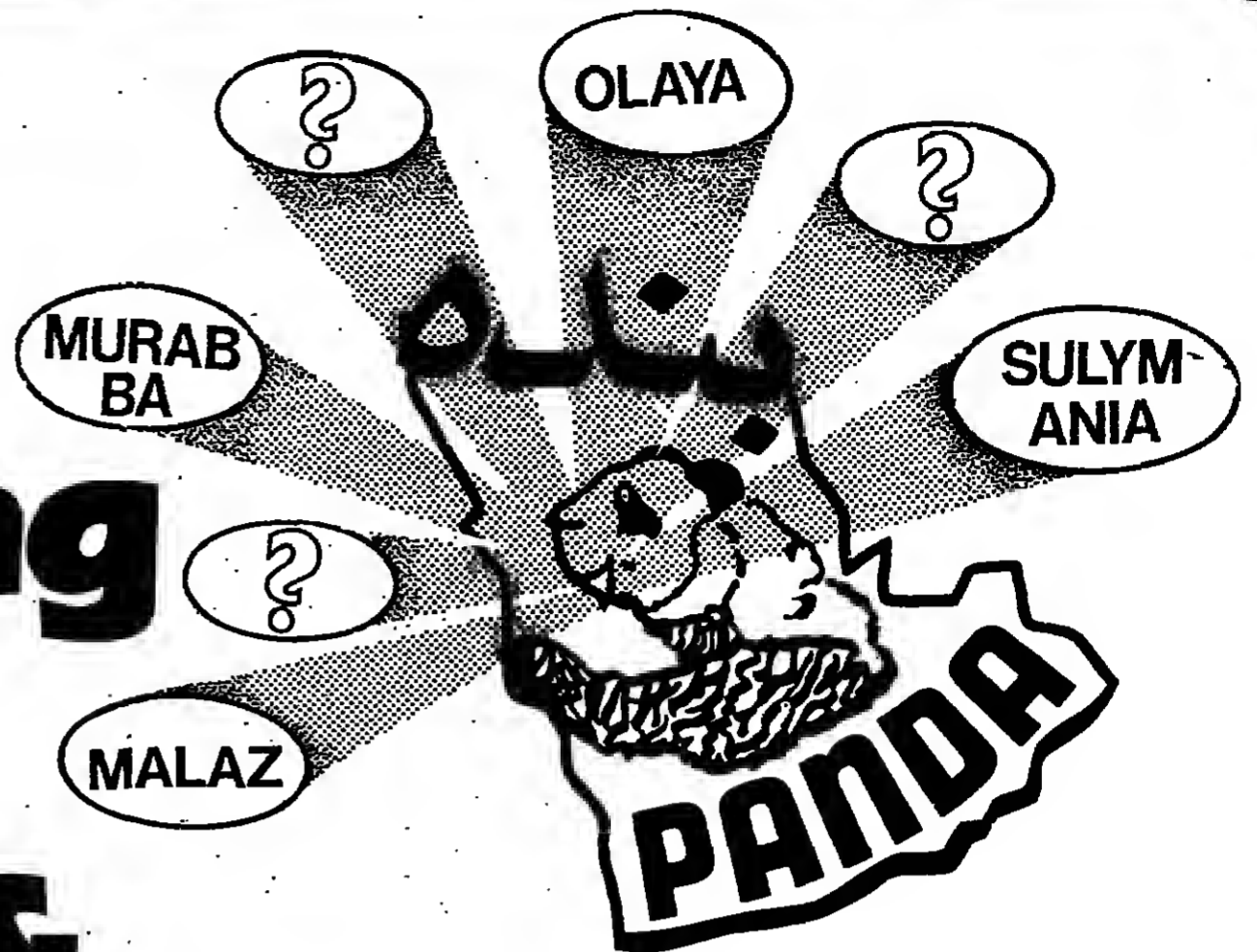
Only one event has been held so far, the women's Giant Slalom which was won by West German Irene Epple Friday. If there are no further problems competition here should now end on December 9.

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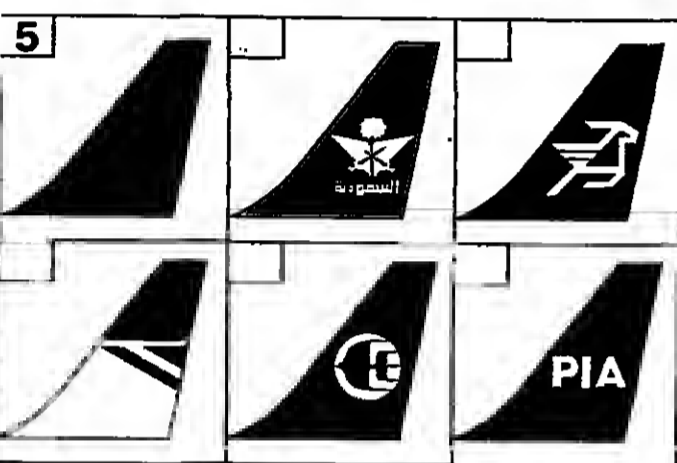
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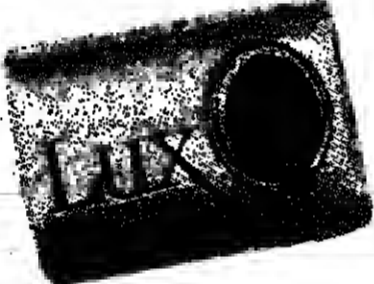
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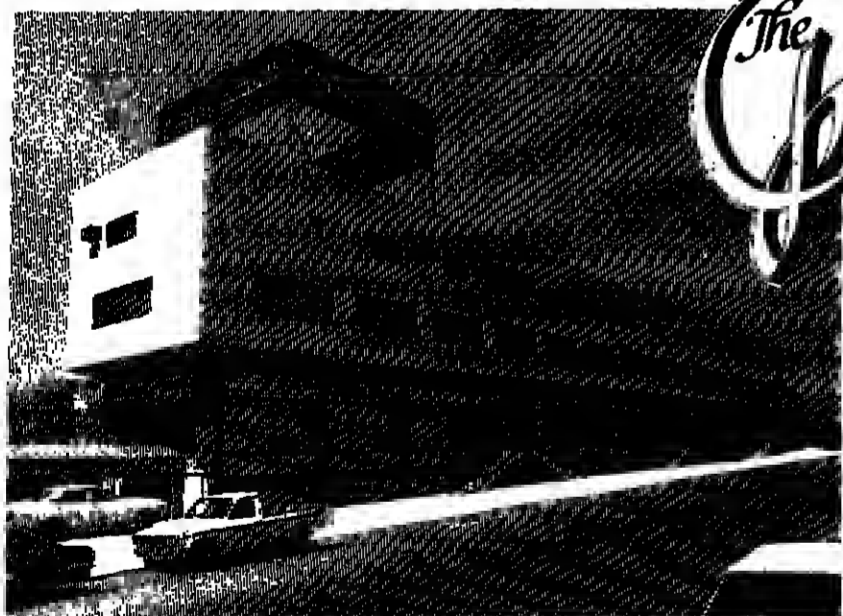
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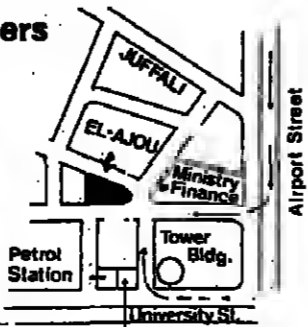
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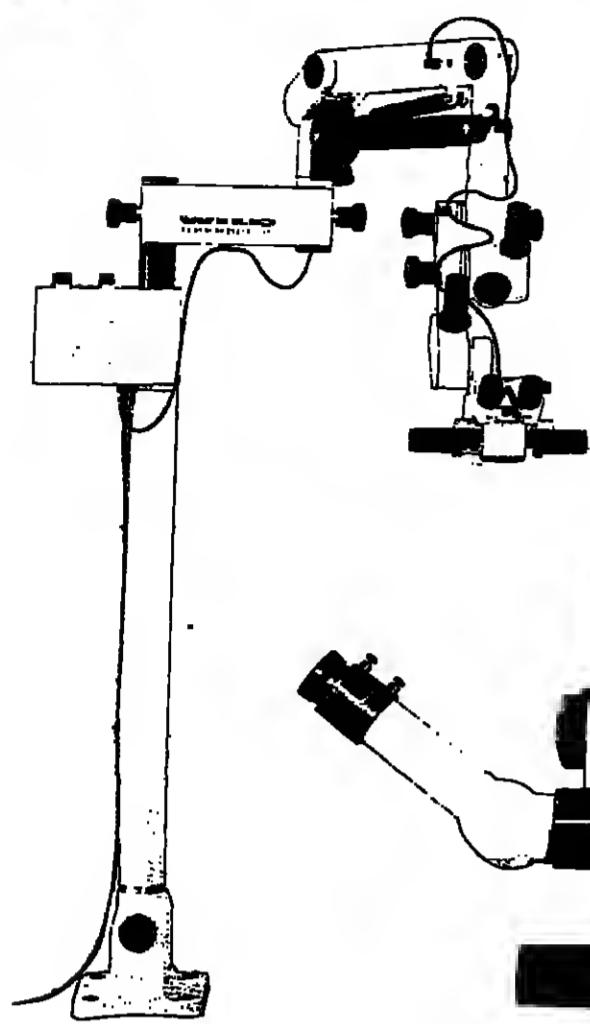
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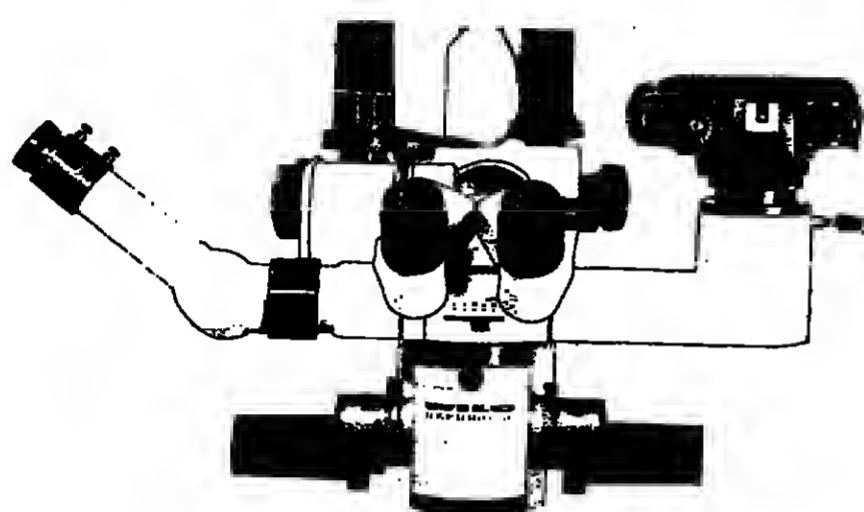
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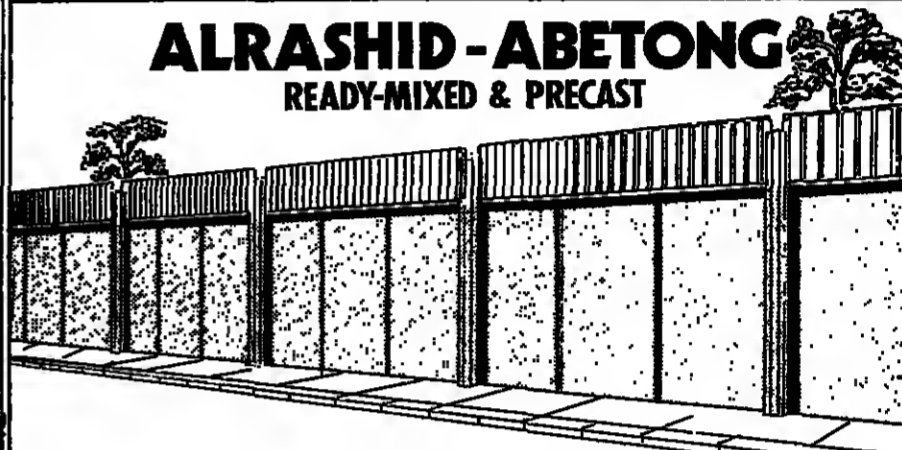
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Leaders attack Solidarity Walesa, Glomp meet amid row

WARSAW, Dec. 5 (AP) — Solidarity union leader Lech Walesa and Roman Catholic primate Archbishop Jozef Glomp met briefly Saturday, apparently discussing deteriorating union relations with the authorities.

The meeting came amid a new attack on Solidarity by one of Poland's top Communism leaders who said the union's latest strike threats are fanning up "hatred and distrust" and declared it is seeking confrontation.

The official, Stefan Olszowski, said Solidarity's threats of a general strike if the government tries to ban strikes is aimed at "raising another wave of social unrest, inspiring hatred and distrust."

Glomp and Walesa met for about one hour in the primate's residence here, but church officials and Solidarity spokesmen would not comment on the nature or topic of the meeting.

The session comes just one month after the historic domestic summit involving Glomp, Walesa and Polish premier and party chief Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski which launched now-stalled talks on formation of a front among the three groups.

The church, however, has played a mediating role in the past 17 months of Polish crisis, and was also said to be helping both the Solidarity rank-and-file and the general populace accept the negotiating efforts of their leaders.

Nevertheless, deteriorating relations between the government and Solidarity have sparked new harsh criticism this week from some hard-line authorities, including Olszowski's attack on new Solidarity strike resolutions.

"Those resolutions (taken in Radom Thursday) prove who is striving for confrontation," the hard-line party official said in an interview published here Saturday. "This is already an open march toward power."

Olszowski's comments during a meeting of Warsaw party activists comes alongside a warning by hard-line party member Tadeusz Grabski, who said the danger of bloodshed is growing and poles are forced to take firm measures to halt strikes.

Solidarity Thursday threatened a new general strike as relations between the union and the government sunk to a new low in the wake of Wednesday police raid on a firefighters' school sit-in.

In a communique issued in Radom, central Poland, the union vowed to stick to its demands for access to the media, oversight in the economy, democratic local elections and control of food distribution.

The statements included in those documents are consciously untrue, Olszowski said. "They stem from the accusation that the authorities treat the idea of national accords as an attempt at leading society astray and end with the insinuation that the authorities have intensified repressive actions."

Olszowski also accused the outlawed, anti-Communist dissident group, Confederation of Independent Poland, of spreading fascist tendencies in Poland.

Meanwhile, one local union has already approved the Solidarity strike threat, prompting the officials news agency PAP to say that such a protest is "threatening again to paralyze the economy which is hardly functioning anyway."

Workers in the Szczecin shipyards on the East German border approved the strike plan, PAP said. Szczecin was the site of a major protest during August strikes in Gdansk that led to the formation of Solidarity in 1980.

The hard-line officials' statement that the society may welcome tough measures won some support from a poll taken by the public opinion research center and reported by PAP.

Expert says U.S. command 'subject' to N-attack

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP) — The United States' top civilian and military command set-up is vulnerable to a Soviet nuclear attack, according to an expert on nuclear strategy. But he argues that a strengthening of U.S. defenses would do more than good.

John D. Steinbruner, director of foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institution, a leading independent research organization on government issues, said: "The degree of protection actually provided would inevitably be quite modest. The provocation to the Soviet Union potentially quite severe."

Steinbruner says the communications on which commanders depend could be easily disrupted by nuclear bombs.

"In particular," he notes, "a very small number of high altitude explosions (one to five) could subject the United States to short but intense electromagnetic impulses in the range of 25,000 to 50,000 volts per meter."

That would knock out many kinds of

military and civilian circuits and in Steinbruner's view help "decapitate" the control of U.S. authorities over their forces.

Fifty explosions, he says, are probably enough to prevent any "coherent" use of American forces. He finds the Soviets are vulnerable too, but adds that Soviet planning calls for full-scale commitment of its forces in any case if war breaks out.

He recalls that President Ronald Reagan has asked for \$18 billion to develop the U.S. command structure over five years, but he says improvements that may seem desirable could actually worsen the situation.

From the Soviet viewpoint, he explains, such a program would be a sign of increased U.S. willingness to start a nuclear war. That might convince Moscow at an earlier point than would otherwise be the case, and on less solid evidence than it might otherwise require, that a nuclear exchange is inevitable and that it must act first.

Steinbruner suggests this danger could be avoided if the United States and the Soviet Union establish a more stable relationship with one another "as a priority objective of

U.S. security policy."

On the basis of such a relationship, he says, an agreement could be made with the Soviets that would permit strengthening the defenses of the U.S. command.

If this kind of accord can not be achieved, he suggests that because of the vulnerability of forces now, and the strains they are under, a full-scale nuclear alert "should not be undertaken for reasons less powerful than those required to justify war itself."

This principle, he says, requires reining in the impulse to use nuclear forces "to send signals of resolve." He adds that it also requires the effort to keep nuclear forces out of secondary issues where their actual use is justified.

"Linkage of strategic forces to political conflicts in the Third World is not desirable policy," he concludes, "and should not be considered a political inevitability; rather it is a threat to be resisted."

Steinbruner's views are in an article entitled "Nuclear Decapitation," published in the winter edition of the quarterly *Foreign Policy*.

Troublesome youngsters blamed India orders stampede probe

NEW DELHI, Dec. 5 (AP) — Additional Sessions Judge Jagdish Chandra was named Saturday to conduct a one-man investigation into what panicked a large crowd of tourists at historic Qutab Minar tower here and sparked a stampede that left 45 persons dead.

Chandra was named by the New Delhi municipal administration and was given one month to submit his report on the incident which included charges that two young females were molested.

The grisly tragedy Friday at the 800-year-old monument on the southern fringe of the capital also left 24 persons injured.

Witnesses said several hundred tourists were on the steep, winding stone stairway to the first level of the 72-meter tall tower when the lights went off and the crowd charged down the steps in the dark, trampling dozens of people, many of them young students.

Newspapers in the capital reported Saturday that the stampede may have been started when two young foreign women raced back down the stairs to escape a band of mischievous youths who had molested them.

The *Statesman* (independent) published a page-one picture of what it said were two young New Zealand women covering their faces. It identified them only as Jackie and her friend Maree, and quoted them as saying they started back down the stairs during the blackout "because of too many troublesome youngsters who were there at the top (first level balcony)."

Jackie said she also was molested as she went down the narrow, dark stairway. "People ripped my clothes, stole my gold chain and watch and constantly tried to take away my money pouch." The *Statesman* quoted her as saying, "Both women were caught in the crush of bodies when the rush to flee the tower began but were pulled free unharmed."

Haig schedules 7-nation tour

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AFP) — United States Secretary of State Alexander Haig leaves Tuesday on a seven-country, three-continent tour primarily aimed at strengthening opposition to "Soviet expansionism."

Haig is also expected to use the 11-day trip to deal first hand with a wide variety of international, regional and bilateral questions.

In Brussels from 9 to 13, Haig will participate in a meeting of foreign ministers of the 15 North Atlantic Treaty organization (NATO) nations, a principal theme of which will be the Soviet-American Eurostrategic talks that opened in Geneva Nov. 30.

He will also meet there with European Commission President Gaston Thorn, and for the first time, with Greek's new Socialist president, Andreas Papandreu, who recently said he favored dismantling U.S. bases in Greece.

In Israel on Dec. 13, Haig will attempt to iron out differences in the Israeli-U.S. strategic cooperation accord signed in Washington Nov. 30. He will also discuss the Libyan situation in light of special U.S. envoy Philip Habib's current Middle East mission.

In Turkey on Dec. 14-15, Haig, whose visit

"I had six people under me. My head was down under, and my legs were in the air," Jackie told the paper. "People were pulling and tugging at each other in total darkness and loud cries rent the passage. No one initially realized the gravity of the situation."

Jackie charged that the incident was planned because the harassment began shortly after the lights went out.

The United News of India quoted an unidentified witness Friday as saying the lights were deliberately doused by a group of young rowdies who were teasing two foreign women, Indian Vice President Muhammad Hidayatullah said he hoped "a searching inquiry would be made into the causes of the stampede and if it was because of any mischief the culprits would be brought to book."

Home Minister Zail Singh said in informing parliament Friday that there had been an electric power failure in the area. Such breakdowns are common in India.

Police and fire units in the capital continued to draw criticism Saturday for their allegedly slow response time. Khurana promised to investigate the charges that emergency units took nearly an hour to reach Qutab Minar.

Meanwhile, 40 bodies of the deceased were turned over to relatives Saturday. Three of the remaining bodies still were to be identified. Many of those killed were identified as students from Haryana and Punjab states.

The body of Elizabeth Emanuel, 21, of Singapore, the only foreigner killed, was to be flown to Madras Saturday night. Her mother, who was at the tower but opted not to climb the steep, worn stairway, was to accompany the coffin to the southeastern port city where her husband still was visiting, UNI said. It did not give her parents' names.

All but five of the injured had been discharged from the hospital by Saturday afternoon, UNI said.

India-China talks begin Thursday

NEW DELHI, Dec. 5 (AP) — A high-level Indian team led by External Affairs Ministry Secretary Eric Gonsalves will fly to China Monday for talks on the disputed border between the two Asian giants. Meetings with Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Han Nainlong are expected to begin Thursday.

The official word on Gonsalves' departure came one day after External Affairs Minister P.V.N. Rao announced that Prime Minister Indira Gandhi would visit China in a bid to heal relations between the world's two most populous nations. He schedule "has not been finalized."

war in 1962 during which China occupied some 14,000 square miles of what had been Indian frontier. India has demanded the return of the disputed territory.

Meanwhile, an Indian government spokesman said Egypt's minister of state for foreign affairs, Burtos Ghali, would visit here next Tuesday. He will bring Mrs. Gandhi a letter from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. The spokesman declined to speculate on the contents.

Also, V. V. Kuznetsov, first vice president of the Soviet Union, will lead a nine-day visit to the subcontinent starting Monday by Soviet parliamentarians. Their journey will include a three-day side-trip to Nepal.

Agreement on top post eludes U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 5 (R) — The U.N. Security Council is now nearing its deadline for nominating a new secretary-general but no agreement is anywhere in sight. Unless it can agree quickly on a candidate, the council will have to report its failure to the General Assembly, which has only seven working days left in its current session.

Kurt Waldheim, the Austrian incumbent, withdrew his candidacy for an unprecedented third term after he was vetoed 16 times by China. His only declared rival, Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmad Salim, remained in the contest to see if he had a chance of overcoming persistent United States vetoes.

If not, he too, is expected to step aside to allow the council to consider other contenders. Salim said Friday night that whatever decision he made would be announced without any ambiguity. This was a reference to confusion over Waldheim's intentions. Some delegates said they considered he was still a candidate waiting for a call from the council.

Waldheim's aides have made no secret of their belief that his term of office, which expires Dec. 31, will be extended for at least two years because of a failure to agree on a successor.

But for the Chinese vetoes, the council would have nominated Waldheim for a third five-year term Oct. 27, the first day of balloting. China has said it is totally committed to a Third World candidate as the next secretary-general.

Carter adviser predicts 4 crises

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (R) — Former National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski Saturday said American foreign policy was heading toward a major crisis next spring.

In a wide-ranging and highly critical article on the Reagan administration's foreign policy published in *The New York Times* magazine, President Jimmy Carter's national security adviser said: "What makes matters potentially even worse is that this could coincide with a serious economic downturn, causing the overall global position of the United States to be placed in jeopardy."

Brzezinski said the United States could face four major foreign crises in the spring — A breakdown of the Camp David peace process, political and economic breakdown in Poland, a sharp downturn in U.S.-Chinese relations and manifest political deterioration in El Salvador.

He said these crises could be accompanied by a growing alienation of the Third World from the United States and an increased awareness in the Kremlin that "the Reagan commitment to stronger defense... is a bluff."

Fasting Italians said to be critical

PARMA, Italy, Dec. 5 (AFP) — The state of health of two of three prisoners here on hunger strike since Sept. 23 was described Saturday as disturbing by informed sources.

The three were arrested between March and November of last year on charges of terrorism that they reject and started their fast to obtain either a trial or their liberation.

The two men in critical condition are Gianni Valentino and Ciro Paparo, who both continue to refuse solid food, taking only liquids. Valentino twice this week lapsed into a state of near-coma after several days of refusing liquid nourishment as well. Both men are on their 73rd day of fasting.

The third man, Roberto Pironi, ended his fast last Wednesday upon being told his trial had now been set for Feb. 14.

Trapped Seychelles tourists refuse excess bills, fly home

LONDON, Dec. 5 (AP) — British vacationers trapped in the Seychelles islands by a failed mercenary coup finally flew home Friday night, with many in the 120-member party saying they were refusing to pay "huge bills" for enforced extensions of their Indian Ocean vacations.

Tony Ridout from Croydon, south London, said his hotel had demanded an additional 375 pounds (\$727.50) for his wife and himself for an extra seven-day stay, after the Nov. 26 shoot-out at the international airport on Mahe, the main island.

"There is no way I am going to pay. There was a curfew on all the time and we couldn't leave the hotel," Ridout said. Chris Duncombe from Manchester said: "It was pretty horrible on the island after the shooting. The food was terrible and it was fish and more fish."

"In the end there was fighting over the bills and the food, and there was one punch-up between an official who had flown in from Africa and the hotel management."

Arriving with the vacationers at London's Heathrow Airport was an unnamed Seychelles Army major with a bad leg wound from a mortar bomb, who came for hospital treatment. Police took him to a hospital. The mer-

cenaries escaped by hijacking an Air-India plane to South Africa, where most of them have since been released.

Meanwhile, the Seychelles called for a United Nations inquiry into the background and financing of a raid by mercenaries at its international airport last week. Giovinella Gonthier, the Seychelles delegate, also proposed that the U.N. set up a tribunal to put the culprits on trial.

Noting that the raiders set out from South Africa and returned there in a hijacked Air-India aircraft, she said Friday if South Africa claimed innocence in the matter it must cooperate in the proposed inquiry.

"The world now watches to see if the Hague Convention against hijacking, which obligates South Africa to submit for prosecution or to extradite persons accused of unlawfully seizing aircraft, is enforced," Mrs. Gonthier said.

In her address to the General Assembly, she recalled that the United States and six other major nations agreed in Bonn three years ago to halt all flights to any country that refused to prosecute or extradite plane hijackers. The United States has been reported to be weighing such action in the Seychelles case.

NATO unity urged Rogers sees N-talks success

SAARBRUECKEN, West Germany, Dec. 5 (AP) — Gen. Bernard W. Rogers, supreme commander of NATO forces in Europe, said Saturday he is optimistic about the outcome of U.S.-Soviet arms control negotiations going on in Geneva, Switzerland.

In an interview with Radio Saarland, Rogers said he "would be the last one to predict that the negotiations are doomed to failure, because I do not believe that they are."

The general said, however, that the talks which began last week on limiting nuclear weapons in Europe are "certain to be difficult" and their success "depends in a large part upon the Soviets."

Rogers said he would imagine that the negotiators will disagree over the matter of

medium-range weapons in Europe, just as East and West negotiators in Vienna have not been able to agree on troop strength reductions.

But despite the problems, the general said he "remains optimistic" about the Geneva talks if the NATO nations remain united.

"This will require great patience from all of us, particularly when difficulties emerge and only small advances appear to have been achieved," Rogers said. "We must not become impatient or pressure our negotiators to come to a quick agreement that would be harmful to the West."

The general said he was looking forward to the NATO meeting Monday and Tuesday in Brussels, which will be the first attended by members from the new Greek administration of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu.

First in Eastern bloc Romanians march for peace

BUCHAREST, Dec. 5 (AFP) — Some 300,000 persons turned out here Saturday for an officially sponsored demonstration in favor of peace and disarmament, the first of its kind to be held in the Eastern bloc.

The demonstration tops a month-long nationwide campaign, focusing on statements by Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, who signed himself out in the Socialist bloc by calling for a withdrawal of Soviet medium-range missiles from Europe in exchange for non-deployment of U.S. Euromissiles.

The carefully shepherded demonstration — apparently also meant to show support for the regime — was held as a counterpart to recent pacifist demonstrations in Western

Europe.

The demonstrators, brandishing portraits of Ceausescu, chanted officially coined slogans linking both peace and the president. In a speech, the president asked that a balance of forces in Europe be achieved through a reduction of arms and not by the deployment of new weapons.

The demonstration follows shortly after a meeting here of Warsaw Pact foreign ministers, and an official visit by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. According to observers, it was also designed to freshen up Romania's independent image and increase chances of Bucharest being chosen as the next venue for the conference on peace and security in Europe.



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